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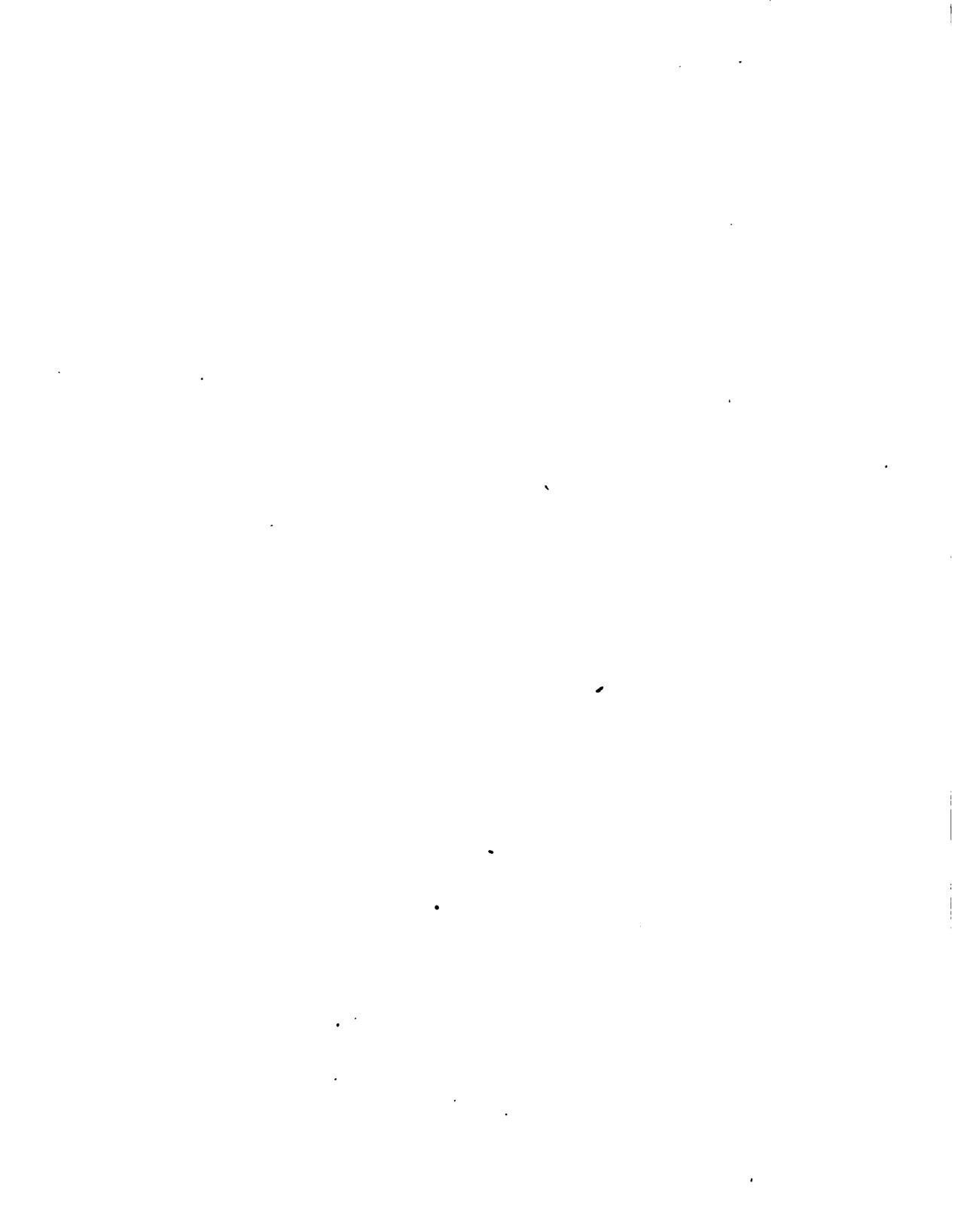
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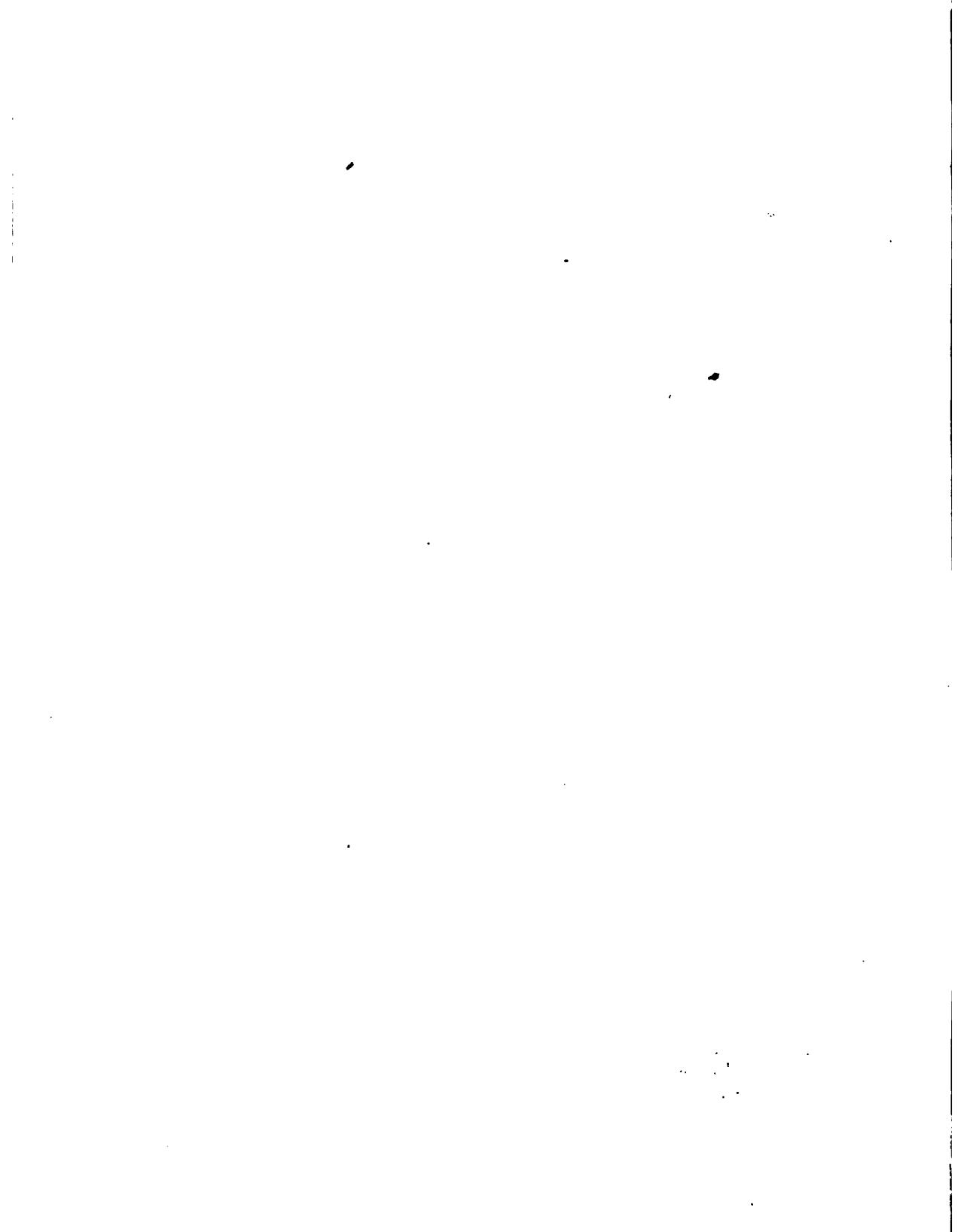
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INTRODUCTION.

THE Wills now submitted to the Members of the CHEETHAM SOCIETY were transcribed by the late Rev. JOHN PICCOPE, M.A., Incumbent of Farndon, from the Archives in the Ecclesiastical Court of Chester. By the kind permission of the Rev. HENRY RAIKES, M.A., late Chancellor of the Diocese, he had access to the various documents in the Registry, a privilege of which his peculiar taste for such pursuits and his intimate acquaintance with the pedigrees of Lancashire and Cheshire families, induced him eagerly to avail himself. The entire collection, from which the present volume is taken, consists of nearly three hundred wills and inventories, embracing every class of society in the two counties palatine of Lancaster and Chester. They were originally selected with a view to their future publication by the Society, but a protracted illness unfortunately prevented my father's hopes being realised during his lifetime.

The wills are printed as nearly as possible in extenso, some technical forms and tedious repetitions being, however,

omitted; and, with very few exceptions, every legacy has been inserted. It has been thought desirable to retain the contractions and capricious manner of spelling, so as to give a faithful and literal copy of the original.

My warmest thanks are due to HENRY RAIKES, Esq., the Registrar of the Diocese, not only for permission to collate the MSS., but for previous examinations of the Records in his care. To the Rev. CANON RAINES of Milnrow I am under the deepest obligation for information at all times so liberally afforded, and for his valuable assistance and advice whilst the work was progressing through the press.

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LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE WILLS.

THE WILL OF EMME LATE WIFE OF ANDREW CARRINGTON OF CARRINGTON ESQ.¹

IN Dei noīe Amen The xxvj day of Marche in the yēr of or Lord
God mcccc.....[I Emme] Caryngton the late wiffe of Andrew
Caryngton esquier decessed hole in mynd and body dred-
yng the pells of dethe make my last will and testament in mad
and forme fo..... ffirst I beqweth my sowlle unto Almyghtie God
or lady Saynt Mary and to all y^e company of heyvn and my
body to be buryed in Saint Nicholes chapell at Bowden Also I will
that my best guds be my mortuarie And for the assured disposiōn
and of all my good^e I will and beqweth unto my son Laurence
Holynwort and [sic] the gowne he boght me in London
redy maid as it is in recompence of that he paid for it Also I will
..... unto Wifm Holynwort my son xⁱⁱ w^t this pviso that if he

¹ Proved April 11, 1525. Andrew Carrington, husband of the testatrix, died about 12 Hen. VIII., in which year his inquisition post mortem was taken. In the pedigree of this family in Ormerod's *Cheshire*, vol. i. p. 412, the name of Andrew Carrington's wife is not mentioned, but it is evident from this will that she was the mother of John Carrington, and that she had been previously married to a Hollingworth, probably of the family of that name in the parish of Mottram.

delyv or cawse to be delyved to my son John Caryngton the astate y^t he hadde by my request of y^e grond of my son John then I will he have y^e forsayd sume of x^{li} And if he will nott delyv it then I will y^t my said have y^e forsayd sume of x^{li} to his awne ppur use Also I publishe and declare by this my will and testament that it was nev^y my mynde nor entent nor it was nev^y agreed bytwix that my forsayd son Wifm Holynwort schuld have nor receyve no man^l of part of the forsayd Duryng my naturall liffe And moreov^t it was agreed att y^e tyme of makyng of y^e said that I the forsayd Emme schuld have y^e custodye of the forsayd estate for suertie that he aske no part theroff duryng terme of my liffe and so had unto such tyme as my said son Holynwort accompanied w^t my cosyn Thomas Hyde and my son John Holynwort and Sr John pest cam to me and desired delyvaunce thereof for his awne suertie aft^r my decesse and he sworne upon the holy Evangelists nev^y to aske no pt theroff duryng my liffe in p^sence of forsayd ps ons And furthemor^t I the forsayd Emme say I have no pt of his good^c in my And all this afor said is trew as I schall answar att y^e day of judgement Also I will my son John Holynwort have y^e v markes that I lent hym and this halffe y^e rent past is Also I will and beqweth to my said son John Holynwort a chalice w^t this pviso may ther remayn for ev^y as an heylome and of my gifte and nev^y by hym or eny of successors thens to be removed Also I will and beqweth to my doght^r Anne Ward my b..... and fruntlett Also I will and beqweth unto Sr Nicholas Warburton chaplyn to my said son Caryngton vj markes to syng a y^e for my sowlle and my husband^c sowlls and he to the chapell att Caryngton Also I will and beqweth unto John Caryngton my son best of my movable good^c to y^e valure of x^{li} w^t this pviso that he have y^e gov^rme..... for tyme of his liffe and aft^r his decesse to remayn to his heyr in this howse as of for ev^y and nev^y by wiffe nor wiffes no pt y^e off to be taken

away nor removyd to continew for ev^r mor^r Also I will and beqweth aft^r my bryngyng furth and my evy thing cōtent and paid all y^e residew of my goodes unbeqwethed unto y^e mariag..... my son John Caryngton ij doghtor^r M^rgarett and Jane equally to be devyded betwixt p^ry for my sowle Also I will that my exequutor^r of the holl of all my goodes and evy thynge be savyd harmeles in fulfyllyng of this my last will and he that and is contentt to fulfull yis my last will schall have my blesyng afor the face of he that is wilfull and will lett or trobull my exequutor^r in fulfyllyng of my last will schall have my curse in hevyn and on herth Also ther^r is div^rse that I remytt to y^e discrecōn of my exequutor^r And I cōstitute and orden my t..... exequutor^r my son John Caryngton and my son John Holynwort to be [sic] that this and evy thynge substancialy be pformed and Wifm Longley clerke pson of P'stwich thes beyng wittness Jamys Massy esquier Hugh Typpynge pson of Assheton Sir Nicholas Smyth Sir Robert Maasye S^r Nicholas Warburton w^t many mo.

THE WILL OF THOMAS STANLEY OF WEVER AND ALDERLEY.¹

..... amen viij Julii anno cccccxxv I Thomas Stanley of Wev^r hole in mynd make my testament and last

¹ No date of probate. Thomas Stanley was the second son and ultimately heir of Sir John Stanley, brother of Thomas first Earl of Derby, by Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Thomas Wever of Wever and Alderley. He married in 1505 to his first wife, Douce, daughter of Thomas Leversedge of Wheelock Esq. Elizabeth, mentioned in the will, was his second wife, and died in 1527. Thomas Stanley, his son and heir,

will of all my goodes movables in man¹ and forme as folowth that is to witte ffirst I beqwethe my sowle to Allmighty God or lady Saint Mary and to all the sainttes in hevyn and my body to be buryed in the chauncell of my chapell w^tin the Mydill Wiche and my best beast to be my mortuarie Also I giffe and beqweth to my wiffe Elisabeth Stanley all such sumes of money as I have or may have in the howre of my deth or schall have oghyng me for the mariedge of my son and heyr beyng unpayd of Thomas Davenport of Henbury esquier or of his heyres exequutor^s or assignes and all obligacions and y^e pfettes y^e off concerningyng the same maryedge Also I will that of y^e residew of my good^e that I be broght home and my dett^e paid Also I will that y^e rest of my goodes then lafte to be devydid it is to witte the on halffe to my wiffe and y^e oy⁹ halffe to my child^d amonges them Also I giffe and beqweth to y^e poch church of y^e said Mydull Wiche and to my chapell their xx^s by evyn porcoⁿs y^t is to witt the on halffe to y^e church and the oy⁹ halffe to my chapell to repa^cons theroff and my exequutor^s to have it to bestow theron as thei schall thinke best And also I will and orden my wiffe Elisabeth and Wifm Stanley of Hooton knyght to be my exequutors and Wifm Venables of Kinderton esquier to be my ov⁹seer to se this my last will be fulfilled and kepte Thes beyng witnesses my gostly father S^r John Crosby curat M^r Ric. Sneid John Cleg of Gayton esquier John Cleg gentilman Randull Larden chaplen Raffe Huls Laurens Jacson Wifm Barnes and oy⁹

married Johanna, daughter of Thomas Davenport of Henbury Esq. The testator died in 1527, whose lineal representative is Edward John, the second and present Lord Stanley of Alderley.

TESTAMENT. ROB'TI HONFORD.

¶bat in ecclia coll S̄ci Jō Cestř xxvj die Augusti 1527.

IN Dei nomine Amen tercio die Augusti anno Dñi mccccxxvij
Ego Robertus Honford de Eethuls compos mētis et sane memo-
rie eger tamē corpor̄ c̄nensque michi mortis piculū iīminere condo
testamentū meū in hunc modū In p̄mis lego aīam meā Deo P̄ri
Oipotenti beate Marie Virgini et oībus s̄cīs ejus corpusque meū sepe-
liend in ecclia S̄ci Wylfrydi de Northeñ in capella beate Marie ibidm̄
Et optimū meū aīal noīe mortuarii Itm̄ I giff to the serves off or
lady off Northeñ all my purchest landes as moī pleynly shall apeī by
a dede off feoffament made theroff Itm̄ I giff ij heffurs to the said
serves Itm̄ I will and charge myne executors and the feoffees off or
ladies londes that they maynten S̄r Hugh Johnson in that said serves
of or lady att Northeñ aforsaid and truly pey hym his wayges duly.
or cause thayme to be peid to hym yerly duryng his liff Itm̄ I giff
vj̄ viij̄ off money in the handes off Homfrey Hamnett And vj̄ vj̄
in the hande off Robt Rile off Sharston to the said serves off or lady
aforsaid to maynteyne opon my ptie the seid serves Itm̄ I will that
the rest off the money I hogh to or lady off Boston as shall apeī by
my lett̄ be well and truly cōtēted and paid If I gif to S̄r Wifm̄
Godeor vj̄ viij̄ to gett hym a serves w̄t Itm̄ I giff my white chamlett
iakett to be a vestiment to or lady chapell aforsaid If I beqweth
my goblett off sylv̄ and iij off my wurst sylv̄ spones w̄t all the sylv̄
plate that is opon my hornes (except my serv̄nt Wifm̄ horne) to-
ward the makynge off a chales to the said chapell and if the said
stuffe be not sufficyant I will that myne executors make it owt att
the syzt off M̄r pson off Northeñ Itm̄ I giff to the batelyng off the
church off Northeñ xxxij̄ iij̄ Itm̄ I giff to the makynge off the
church of Cheidill xxxij̄ iij̄ to be peid as their workis goith for-

ward I'm the world I aske forgiffynce and all the world charytably I forgiff and ev̄y mā that I ogh money I desire theym for Godes sake to take the dett like as myne executors may pey theym and nott to be to hastye y^oin. I'm I giff to Wifm Motturshed my sev̄nt a cowe and a gray nagge. I'm I giff to Elyn my sust^r my gowne furrett w^t whyte lambe. I'm my will ys that Rob^r my son have all my tackes. I'm the residue of my raymentes not beqwhethed I will that Rob^r my son have so that he giff to James Masey his second kendall iakett and also that he geiff to Richard Fene a iaket called my frocke The residue off all my goodes I giff clerely aftur my dett^r peyd my fuflall expenses made and my will truly pformed unto Elyn my wyff and Rob^r my son which Rob^r I make orden and admytt my trewe and laifull executor to pforme this my last will also I orden and make John Davēport off Wudford and Sr John Breikell pson off Northen supvisors off this my last will pvidit heretofore that my will is that yechon off my serv̄nt^r have their holl wages and bysydes yechon xij^d Thes beryng wittenes Sr Hugh Johnson þest Sr Wifm Godyer þest and Wifm Motturshed with others dyverse &c.

THE WILL OF JOHN STARKEY OF AUGHTON.

Probat in ecē coūt Sct Johis Cestř xvij die Septembř [1527.]

IN Dei noīe Amen p^rmo die mensis Septembris anno Dñi m^lmo quingen^{mo} vicesimo sexto Ego Johannes Starky de Aughton compos mentis et sane memorie condo testamentū meū in hoc modo In p^rmis do et lego aīā meā Deo O^rpotenti b^re Marie mat^r sue et oībus sc̄is ejus corpusque meū ad sepeliendū in ecclia pochiali de Aughton coram altare Sancti Nicolai epi Item do et lego meū optimū

aiāl rectori ecclie de Aghton noīe pncipali Item do et lego decē solidos p uno trentali missaī distbuendos int̄ sac̄dotes Iīm do et lego d̄cē ecclie de Aghton sex solidos et octo denarios p ejusdē reparatioībus Iīm do et lego Alexandro Radcliff militi oīa mea terras et tenemēta que hēo die confeccōnis p̄sen̄ infra com̄ Lanč ex dimissione et concessione M'gerie Starky mat̄s mee Item do et lego eid̄ Alexandro vent̄ticū molendinū de Aghton que hēo ex donaciōe ejusdem M'gerie mat̄s mee coram testibus ad usum Elizabeth uxoris mee et suoī puerōz Item do et lego duo messuagia jacentia in Northwicho in comitaī Cestř cum dimidio domi salis scituaī in pd̄co Northwicho ad usū pd̄cē Elizabeth [et] puerōz suoī Item do et lego d̄cē Elizabeth uxori mee oīa bona mea tam viva qm̄ mortua ad sustentationes ejusdē Elizabeth et puerōz meoī Item do et lego Joh Starky filio meo nō legit̄ pcreat̄ plenā ptē suā onū bonoī meoī legatoī Itē do et lego d̄cō Alexandro Radcliff maritagiū Johis Starky filii mei et hered̄ ad usū debita mea solvend̄ rev̄cione inde ad usū d̄cē Elisabeth et puerōz suoī Itē do et lego d̄cō Alexandro Radcliff oīa mea carta [sic] scripta et munimenta con̄c̄nentia tr̄as et tenemēta mea ea custodif̄ ad usū d̄cī Johis filii et hered̄ mei Item ordino et facio Laurenciū Starky filiu meū et M'geriā Starky filiā meā meos veros executores ad implend̄ istā meā ul̄cia; voluntatē sicut volūt respondeī in die judecii [sic] Item ordō et facio dēm Alexandrū Radcliff militē et Thurstanū Tylsley supvisores istius testamenti mei et cū illis Matho [sic] Clyton consangēum meū In cuius rei testm̄ sigillum meū apposui die et anno sup̄dct̄

THE WILL OF JOHN MEOLES ESQ.

Proba^d ithm eod die [27 Sep. 1527.]

IN Dei no^e Amen xij die Maii anno xix H^r viij^{vi} ego J^{oh}es
 Meoles a^r sciens me mortalē a^r dic^t mortis mee incertū cōdo
 testamentū meū in hūc modū In p^rmis lego aīam meā Deo O^{pot}enti
 b^te Marie et oīb^z scīs corpusque meū sepieliend^d in ecclia de Kyrkby
 Waley corā imagē b^ti Nicholai Item lego ecclie p^{dict} meū optim^a
 aial no^e mortuarii Item lego fabrice campanilis ecclie p^{dict} xl^s
 Item lego Kat^hine filie mee bastard^d xl^s Item lego p^rori domus S^ci
 Jacobi de Byrkeheved vj^s viij^d applicand^d ad picturā c^{uc}cifiorii ecclie
 p^roratus sui Item residuū bono^r meo^r do et lego Thome Meoles señ
 fra^r meo Kat^hine Meoles sorori mee Galfrido Meoles filio meo et
 M^{ger}ie Meoles filie mee dividend^d p^r equales porcōes Item ordino et
 constituo Johem p^rorem dom^r S^ci Jacobi p^{dict} et Wifm Pole mili-
 tem meos executores ut i^pi ordinēt et p^{impl}ent hanc meā ultiā;
 volutatē Et Ranulphū Pole clīcū ordino et constituo sup^rvisorē hujus
 test^d mei hiis testib^z Henrico Meoles fratre meo Ri^co Hurleston &
 Petro Deyn Dat. die & anno sup^ddict^d.

TESTAMENTUM THOME CROUGHTON.¹

IN Dei no^e Amē I Thomas Croughton paynter w^t in y^e cite off
 Chest^r holle off mynde and seke in body in thes forme and man^f
 foloyng my last testamēt and will in the yere off o^r Lord a mccc... &
 xxx do make In p^rmis I bequeth my soule to Almyghty God o^r blessed
 laydy and to all y^e holy company off heven and my body to be buret

¹ Proved October 20, 1530.

wt in y^e pych church off Sanct Oswalde Also I w.....that y⁹ be made a p^rincipall and iij tapers off wax at my beriall Also I beqweth to Sanct Fran..... wt in y^e Grayfreis a taper off wax Also to the alter off Sanct Oswalde wt in y^e exempt mon..... off Sanct Wurbur on other taper off wax Also apon y^e day off my buriall I will to be sayed trentall of masses Also I will my dett^e holly be payd off my holle gud^e wych payd the resid..... to be equally divydid betwex my wyffe and my chyldren Also I will my wyffe and Wifm Frauncesse brother be my executors Syr John Smyth and Wifm Hoole m^ochand be my o^vseers for the p^rmisses to be fulfilled and accomplessed In wittenes wher off this my last will and mynd Wifm Barbur and Alex Dicknes wt other moe beyng p^{re}sent do faythfully and substancially make and cause to be made.

TESTAMENTUM THOME BRICHE.¹

IN Dei no^e Amen In the 3e^r off owr Lord a mcccc & xxⁱⁱ the fyrst daye off August I Thomas Bryche wholle off mynde and syke in body make my testament on this man^ñ In p^rmis I bequeth my sowle to Almyghti God and to his blesyd mod^r Seynt Marie and my body to be buryed in the colledge church of Manchest^r and in the name off my mortuarye my best beyst hors or cowe I^tm I bequeth to owre ladys Sⁱvice xij^d I^tm to the church werk^e iij^s iiiij^d I^tm I will that ther be gyven to the mendyng off the lane on this syde the chapell off the ffrythe xij^d I^tm I will that my doght^r Alison have hir motheurs gyrdill I^tm I wille that the ij jack^e or coot^e shall goe the on to one howse and the othur to the othur howse I^tm it is my will y^t my wyff and Edm^d my sone have the howse that I dwell in And also as ffor the take that I holde off M^r Rauff

¹ No date of probate.

P̄stwich yt is my wyll that my wyff and hur children have it unto the tyme that they cū to eage and then M^r Rauff to put it which chylde he thynkē most able to do þvice for it Ifm I orden and make myn executors my wyfpe and my son John to segh that this my last wille be done as they shall answar byfoř God Ifm I make my ovseers M^r Rauff P̄stwich and George Bryche gentilman Robart Brydocke John Smyth and S^r James Grene prest.

TESTAMENTUM WILLIELMI FAIRBANCKE.¹

IN the name off God Amen the tent day of June in the yēr of owr Lord God mdxx I Sir Williā ffairbank chaplen beyng in good mynd makē this my testament and last will in manū and forme foloyng ffyrst I bequeth my saull to Almyghty God or lady Saynt Marye and all the sanctē off heven and my body to be buryed in the chapell off Colne Also for my mortuarey my best gown Also I bequeth to the said chapell x^s for my said buriall Also wheř that I lent xx^d to Nicholas Michell off the Hall off Coln I will that he giff and pay it to thuse of the said capell Also I bequeth to Sir Rođt Blakey chaplen vj^s viij^d to p^ry for my saull wheř somev^t that he will Also I bequeethe to the said S^r Rođt a gown clothe w^t lyning y^o to þpared ligyng in the howse of Shaw late wyfe of Henry Shaw Also [I] bequeth to the sam viij^s iiiij^d so that it be devidid among hir and hir children Also I orden and makē Edmūd ffairbank my ffather and Alis my mother to be my executores to whom I giff all my goodē above not bequethed to dispose to the plesuř off God and the welth off my saull. Theis wittnes Sir Rođt Blakey aforsaid Rič Fawsett Witm Fawset and oth².

¹ No date of probate.

TESTAMENTUM HUGONIS STARKEY DE OLTON
ARMIGERI DEFUNCTI.¹

IN the name of God Amen The third day of July y^e yere of our Lord God a thowsand fyve hundred twenty and syx I Hugh Starky of Olton in the countie of Chester squier seke in body and hole in my..... dredyng God and deth make and ordayn this my present testament and last will ffyrst I beqweth and commend my sowlle to Almyghtie God my Creator and Redem^r to his blessed mother Saint Mary the virgyn and to all the holy cīmpany of heven and my body to be buryed in the church of Owver Also I beqweth vij marks sterlyng to a pest for to syng or say masse for my sowlle a holle ye... att Budworth church the same masses that Pope Innocent did syng for his mother whch be xij masses And when the said pest hath songon or said all the said xij masses ov^r he shall begyn them agayn and so to continew from tyme of my decesse duryng a holle yer⁹ Also I beqweth to poſt folks xvij^s ix^d to be daltt att y^e said churcl of Budworth apon xv Frydays next ensuyng the tyme of my decesse that is to wytt evy Fryday xv^d Also I beqweth to y^e said church of Budworth a chales and a masse bok w^t a vestment and all oy^r clothes necessary for a pest to say masse in Also I beqweth to Jamys Starky my son a tenementt w^t all the ground y^r to belongyng now in the holdyng of Robert Olton duryng the terme of his naturall liffe Also I beqweth to Ellyn Starky my doght^r xxii^l in money in full

¹ The testator was the son and heir of John Starkey of Oulton, by Agnes, sister of Sir John Needham of Shavington in the county of Shropshire Knt. He married Margaret, daughter of Philip Egerton of Egerton Esq. The estate acquired by the marriage of Peter, second son of Thomas Starkey of Stretton, with Johanna, daughter and coheiress of John de Olton, ante temp. Hen. VI., was alienated towards the close of the seventeenth century.

recompens of child is parte of all my goodes for it is my will that she make no ferther clayme Also I beqweth to dame Cisly my doght^{xl⁸} Also I beqweth to Anne Legh ij kye and ij oxen and all my shew Also I beqweth to Saint Peter of Budworth a violett gowne furred and a velvett hudd Also I beqweth to John Hunt my best jakett and to Rondulph Kyrkeh^m Randolph Hicson and John Vernon e^vy of them a jakett Also I beqweth to Richard Gratewod xl⁸ xx⁸ theroff to bestow on hym to lerne to wryte and redd w^t John Lech and y^e oy⁹ xx⁸ to arey hym and cloth hym to bryng hym up to his mother Also I beqweth to Robert Legh a stagg and xx⁸ in money Also I beqweth to John Lech a stagg and xx⁸ in money Also I beqweth to S^r John Eyton prest x⁸ Also I beqweth to John Kyrkeh^m a bulloke y^e p^cce x⁸ Also I beqweth to Saint Chadde of Owver my best h..... Also to Isabell Smyth a heffur calffe Also to Anne Walker a heffur calffe Also I beqweth [to] Budworth church v marks viij⁸ iiiij^d now in the hands of Ric. Shaw George Pykeryng and Ric^d Scheppard like as it apperith by an obliga^cn in the kepyng of Thom^s Hale of Budworth Also I beqweth to y^e white frer^c of Chester to say a trentall of masses for me x⁸ Also I beqweth toward^c byyng off bells to Budworth church vli sterlyng Also I ordeyn and make myn executors Robert Legh S^r John Eyton chapleyn and John Kyrkh^m to se that yis my p^sent will well and truly to be observyd fullfilled and executed In wittnes wheroff John Legh S^r John Smyth chapleyn Rondulph Kyrkh^m and others.

TESTAMENTUM MARGARETE RELICTE HUGONIS
STARKEY.¹

Probat² ix die Augusti [1526.]

IN the name of God Amen The xj day of July the yeſt of or³ Lord
God I M⁴garate Starky late wiff of Hugh Starky of
Olton squier ſeke in body in mynd and of good remem-
brance remembryng y⁵e certeytie of deth and the uncerteynty of the
tyme y⁵off declare yis my last will ffrist I beqweth my ſole to
Allmyghtie God and to or⁶ blessed lady and to all the ſaintt⁷ in hevyn
and my body to be buried in the pich church of Owver Secundarye
I will that y⁸ cost⁹ of my buryalles be maid of my holle goodes Also
I beqweth xx¹⁰ in pence to be delt to poore folk¹¹ att the day of my
burying Also I beqweth to Budworth ſtepull xx¹² and toward the
bying of the belles to y⁸ ſaid ſtepull xx¹³ Also to Elißbeth my doghtor¹⁴
vj¹⁵ viij¹⁶ Also I giff toward y⁸ makynge of Budworth ſtepull and toward
the bying of y⁸ belles my best gowne Also I gyff to Alice Legh my
doghtor¹⁷ my chamlett kyrtill and my wolſted kyrtill my best typett
my faldyng and my bok in the church Also I will that my best
bonett and my ij gyrdilles be ſold by my ſon Hugh to diſpoſe for my
ſolle Also I beqweth to Emme my doghtor¹⁸ myn other bonett and a
partlett Also I beqweth to Anne my doghtor¹⁹ my flowre Also I
beqweth to dame Cicilye my doughtor²⁰ my best bedis and a blak ribbon
Also I beqweth to Anne Legh my newe gowne Also I beqweth to
M²¹gery my doghtor²² my violett gowne Also I beqweth to Elizabeth
my doghtor²³ my pullion of wolſted my purſe and my white bonett

¹ Margaret Starkey, according to Dr. Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 104, died before her husband; but from this will it appears that she survived him, though but for a short time. Of her numerous daughters, Elizabeth married Thomas Brooke of Leighton Esq., and Alice was the wife of Robert Legh of High Legh Esq.

Also I beqweth to M⁹ grett my doghtor my p..... of cloth of gold
 Also I beqweth to Ellyn my doghtor a ptlett of velvett gar Also
 I beqweth to my son Hugh a towell of diapur Also I beqweth to
 Ja[mes] my son xij^s iij^d Also I beqweth to y^e pdon of Boston iij^s
 Also I beqweth to my cosyn Ellynor Sporstaw a lynyⁿ rayll and a
 bend of tawney sarsenett Also I beqweth to Anne Walker my blake
 kyrtill Also I beqweth to Isabell Smyth my tawney gowne Also I
 beqweth to Anne Sclaver myn old kyrtill And if ther be any goodes
 unbeqwethed ov^r yis my said bequest I will that my said son Hugh
 Starky have yem to dispose for y^e helth of my so.... And I ordyn
 and make my sole executo^r my said son Hugh Starky to se that yis
 my p^{re}sent testament and last will well and truly to be fullfilled and
 executed thes beyng wittnes Robert Legh Jamys Starky John Le...
 Henry Yong and others.

TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS BOETHE.¹
 Non pbatū quia executo^r renūciarūt.

IN the name off God Amen The ffyrst day of June in the ye^r of
 or Lord God a thowsand fyve hundredth and xxvj: I John
 Bothe of Barton opn Irwell in the coūnty of Lanc² esquer holle of
 mynd remēbrance and body make my testament and last wyll
 concnyng my moveable goodis in maner and fforme folo^{yn}g ffyrst I

¹ John Booth was the son, by Ellen, daughter of Sir Nicholas Byron of Clayton, of Sir John Booth of Barton, who was killed at the battle of Flodden. He married first Cicely, daughter of Sir John Warren, by whom he had one daughter, Alice; and secondly Dorothy, daughter of Sir Thomas Butler of Bewsey, by whom he left John Booth his heir, and Dorothy, afterwards wife of James Scarsbrick of Scarsbrick Esq. In his pedigree of this family, Baines states that the testator married Anne, daughter of Richard Ashton of Middleton. She was married at Middleton November 22, 1547, to John Booth his grandson.

beqweth my saule to Almyghte God my Redemer to or lady Saynt Marye and to all the holly company of heyven and my body to be buried in the parrishe church off Eccles within Saint Kateryn chapell ther Also I bequeth ffor my mortuarey my best qwyk beast accordyng to the cowstome of holy church Also I bequeth to the edificaçon and makyng up of the said church vli xij^s iiiij^d Also I will that there shalbe an honest preist and discrete founde to say masse and other divyne service and pray for my saule att Eccles by the space of vij yers next after my decesse And the said preist to have yerely ffor his stipēd iiiij^l and the sam iiiij^l to be taken of my moveable goods and cattells and as heſtafter ys specified Also I will that Dorothe my wyff shall have all such takks leyses and gñnts as I now have by the grñnt of the abbott of Qhalley and all advantage and pfetts comyng or groyng of the same toward the fyndyng of the said prest and of his stipend And that the same Dorothe shall have all my right therin duryng all her liff and be my asseigne therof duryng her said liffe. Also I will that the said Dorothe shall have the ward and mariage of all my doghtrs or eny other that shall happen to be my heyer and the custodye off theym and the profetts of all such manſ lanndis teñts rents revſions and hereditaments duryng their nonage what so ev the be which to them or eny of them shalbe belongyng or appteynyng aft my decesse by the law or right off enheritance if they be proved to enherite eny of my said manſ lanndis teñts revſions or hereditaments and if it be proved that by the law they can not enherite my said manſ meās: lanndis and teñts I will that they shall have such lanndis and teñts as herebesids ben geven to feoffes to theyre use to and for their mariage money as by a feoffament therof made and a will therupon declared more playnly doth appere Also I will that immediatly aft my decesse my executors shall content and pay w^t my moveable goods all my detts which I shalbe indetted at the tyme of my decesse Also I make and orden to be my executors of this my pſent testament my welbeloved wyf

Dorothe and also my cosyns Ric³ Assheton and Thurstan Tyldisley esquiers and S^r James Bruch clerk vicar of Bethom And I bequeth to evy of my said executors for ther busynes herin to be taken xx^s and the residue of all my goods and catellis aft my funerall expensis hade and made and aft my legacies pformed I geve and bequeth to my said wyff Dorothe that she shall dispose the same for the helth of my sawle In wittnes wherof I the said John Bothe to this my p^{re}sent testament and last will have setto my seall Wreten the day and yere above said These beyng of record Maist W^m Radcliff son and heyre apparent of S^r Alex³ Radcliff knyght Th^ms Massye and Th^ms Valentyn gentilmen Sir Thoms Bowker S^r Thurstan Cocker psts with others.¹

THE WILL OF DR. THOMAS SPARKE.

Probat ibm viij die Octobris [1527].

IN Dei noīe Amen xxx^o die mensis Augusti Anno Dñi m^{is}imo ccccc^{mo} vicesimo septimo I Thomas Sparke Doct³ off Canon [law] hoall off mynde and seeke in bodye do make my will and testament in man³ and [form] folowyng In primis I giff and beqweth my soule to Almyghty God and to his blessed mother or lady Saint Marie and all the celestiall company of heyven and my bodye to be bured wthin the white freris of Chest³ in thaſ chansell affore the revesture durr by my cosyn Roger Smyth and thei to have for my laystall xij^s iiiij^d Itm my mortuarye to the pson off Sainct Peters aft the forme use and custom of the law Itm I will that evy preest that comyth to my dirige and masse to pray for my sawle have iiiij^d and the poſt people to have bredd Also I will that the lights of wax that shalbe at my ffunerall be made as myn executors and overseer shall thynke moost

¹ The inventory is dated...January 1526 [1526-7.]

accordyng w^t qwte greate pompe or pryd I^tm I beqweth to maister officiall my ryng w^t the saffur my hatt and my rydyng hodd I^tm I beqweth to Agnes Cradokke and hyr howseband vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d I^tm to hyr son Justinean xx^{li} to make hym a stokke w^t and the forsaid Justinean be bownd prentise at s^m occupacōn for the tme and space of x yēr Also I will that his maist^t putting in suertise to myn executors and assignes have and occupie the forsaid xx^{li} withowt any increasse payng to the forsaid Justinean or any other bott onely to pay and deliv^r the forsaid xx^{li} to the forsaid Justinean when his prentship of x yere is comyn upp exspired and past and if it so fortune that the forsaid Justinean dye and departe within the yeris off his prentship or sone aft^r or he occupye the forsaid xx^{li} for hym selfe that then the forsaid xx^{li} be delyvered to myn executors and for fawte and lake of them to Edmūde Democke drap and my cosyn Wilm Flecher baker wch I orden and make myn assignes and thei to disspose it for my soule I^tm I beqweth to my servand Williā Hamant vj angeletts of gold my chamlet jacket my chamlet dowblet and a payre of blacke howse I^tm to my servand Ales Hawarden xx^s I^tm to hir iij susters to ichon off them vj^s viij^d I^tm to my cosyn Elsabeth Smyth doght^r unto yonge Thīms ij angeletts off gold on to hir weddyng and the other to hir ppur use I^tm to Jane Smyth wyff to my cosyn yong Thomas Smyth my bowndon facer and my gilde spone I^tm to S^r Hen^r Bully^g my sateyn typett furred with blake coney on of my best cappis a payer of blacke howse unpoynted a fustion petecote furred with catts I^tm to S^r Williā Granger my seconde sarsnet typett a blacke cappe and a payre of blacke howse I^tm to my bedewomā xxij^s vj^d I^tm to the pson of Sanct Michaells my garnech sarsnet typett I^tm to Elyn Flecher that dwellith w^t my cosyn yong Thomas Smyth vj^s viij^d I^tm to the iij orders off freris x^s that is to evy howse iij^s iiij^d to the repaōn of there howses I^tm to Ales Smyth doght^r to my cosyn yonge Thomas Smyth vj^s viij^d I^tm to litill Jane Golbron vj^s viij^d I^tm to lityll Ro^tt Smyth son

unto Peris Smyth vjs viij^d Item I will my signet be solde and diss-
posed upon Frodsam brygge Item I will the maisters of Boston have
vj^s viij^d for that I am behynde with them for my lett^r and then all
the rest off the forsaid vj^s viij^d be to the repaçon of or ladys chapell
of Bestō [sic] Item I will that all my goodis moveable and unmove-
able unbequest be solde and that money and all other money that is
laſt ov my funerall be att the disposicōn of myn executors to wage a
preſt y^t is ſadde virtuose and gud of levynge and off goud name and
fame to pray for my ſoule my faders mother and ſuch as ſhalbe
named and all cristyn ſoules and the ſaid preſt to ſyng maſſe wtin
the white frers att the hyght alter and he to have my miſſall to ſay
maſſe upon as long as he doith ſyng for me and then the forſaid boke
to remayne to the place Item I will that where ther be any fowle
wayes nyght the citie wher y^t both man and beſt ſtandith in jopardy
and pell of pefhyng in comyg to the marketh for the comyn welthe
y^t then I will ſuch be holpon with pte of the forſaid money y^t is laſte
as myn executors ſhall thynke beſt Also I do orden and make myn
executors Raffe Rogſon Hugh Alderſey and S^r Henry Bullyng² preſt
I will that Raff Rogſon have my velvet dowlet for his labur and
Hugh Alderſey my ſcarlet jacket gardett wt velvet for his labur
Also I make my cosyn Thomas Smyth the elder myn ovſeſer of this
my testamēt and he to have my holpe of gold to ſee my will fulfilled
Geven the day and yere above rehersed.

THE WILL OF RICHARD STARKEY OF STRETTON
ESQUIRE.¹

Probat in ec: coll. Sc̄i Jo. Cest̄ xv^o die Januarii [1527-8].

IN the name off God Amen the xxixth day off May the yēr off or
Lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth xxvjth and the yere off the
reign off Kyng Henry the viijth the xvijth I Richard Starky off
Stretton in the countie off Chester squire off the dioç off Lichefeld
and Coventre beyng off hole mynde and memory thanked be Al-
mighty God and syke in my body ordeyn and make my testament
and last will in man̄ and forme as hereaft̄ ensueth ffurst I bequeth
my sowle to Almyghty God my Maker and Redem⁹ to the blessed
virgyn and mod̄ or lady Saynt Mary and to the gloryous cōte off
hevvyn my body to be buried in the channcell off the pisshe church
of Budworth wheř my ḡnnte fad̄ and my ffad̄ be buried It̄m I
bequeth my best beyst to be my mortuarey Ītm I bequeth towards
the makynge off the roode seler at Budworth vj^s viij^d It̄m to the yle
off the said church vj^s viij^d It̄m I bequeth to bye leyde w^t ffor the
said yle vj^s viij^d It̄m I will that myn executors shall ordeyn and
make xiijth taps or surges off wax to bren upon the herse ov̄ my body
duryng the tyme off the ffuneralls Also I will that myn executors
shall ordeyn and make viij torches to bren abowte myn herse duryng
the dyrge and ffuflalls and aft̄ the said funeralls doon I bequeth iiiij
of the said torches to the pisshe church off Budworth and the other
iiiij to the chapell of Stretton And I will that the vicare of the said
church of Budworth be agreyed w^t for thāy Also I will that viij
pore men that shall berre the said torches have evy oon off theym a

¹ Richard Starkey was the son of Geoffrey Starkey of the Lower Hall in Stretton, by Joan, eldest daughter and coheir of Roger Derbie of Chester, and married a daughter of Byrom of Byrom in the county of Lancaster.

white gowne and iij^d in money for thair labour Also I will that thesse men heraff^t named be the said viij men yff they be then on lyve orrells to take other in the styde of theym that be deyd by the discessōn off myn executoř that ys to say John Howpe John Aspynshagh Hugh Caldewall Rauff Hall Rich Morres Roger Myllyngton Geffrey Myllyngton off Nether Whitley and Randyll Starky Also I bequeth towards the maynteynyng of devyne service off the chapell or orrotorye of Saynt Savyoř off Stretton a chalice gylt w^t these words graven in the upper pte of the said chalice on the owte syde Ex dono Riči Starky Itm to the use off the said chapell a boke of the liff of Saynt Thomas of Cantbury Itm I gyff to the use of the said chapell a sylv pece peell gylt they to þy for my sowle my ffader sowle my brođ Thomas Byrom sowle and all christen sowles Also I gyff and bequeth towards the repaōns and makyn of a newe steple att the said chapell of Stretton xl^s and towards a gretter bell to ryng in it other xl^s And wheř by my dede I have enfeoffed Laurence Starky and other in ȝten messes landes and teñts w^t in the counties of Chest^t and Lanchast^t for the pformance of my last will as in the sam dede it may appere mor at large it ys the last will of me the said Richard Starky the elder nev^t by me to be channged that my said feoffes shall contynue and be feoffies off the þmysses to the onely use of me for ȝme of my liff and aft^t my deceasse I will that my said feoffyes of the issues and pfetts of my said lands soo put in feoffament shall delyver unto myn executors as it shall yerely come and growe of the same lands the some of twenty pownds the which executors I will that they w^t the advise of the supvisor of this my testamēt and last will immedyatlly aft^t my deceasse shall fynd an able þst of good conȝsacōn to syng for my sowle my wyffs sawles my breder sowles and all cristen sowles in the chapell of Stretton by the space of fyve yeres yf he may be suffered to syng at the said chapell orrells at the pisshe church of Budworth duryng the said ffyve yers gyffyng to the said þst ffor his stypend or waiges evy yere iij^{li} and wheř my said

feoffes at my request and desire have by their w^rtyng indented gyffen and grannted unto my sonnes Richard and Peirs for $\frac{1}{2}$ me of their lyffs $\frac{1}{2}$ ten lands and teñts to the yerely value off ijij^{li} or thereabowts of my said lands soo put in feoffament as by the said deds indented it may apper mo^r at large it ys also my will that if the said Richard Starky or Peirs or auther of theym be stopped hyndreth or lett to receyve the issues and pfectts off the said lands soo gyffen to theym by my sone Thomas or by any other pson or ps ons that then my said feoffies shall make a sur^r and sufficient gr^rnt of annuities or annuall rents owt of my said lands and teñts soo put in feoffament to the clere yerely value of iiij^{li} ov all charges and rep'sses that is to say to my son Richard for $\frac{1}{2}$ me of his lif xl^{s} and to my son Pyers for $\frac{1}{2}$ me of his lif xl^{s} w^t clauses of distresse to be conteyned in the seid gr^rnts nownepayment at deyes and $\frac{1}{2}$ mes usuell Also I will that my son Thomas have all heyr lomes that of right af^r the custome and usage of the shyre of Chest^r belongeth to hym to have Also I gyff and bequeth to my cosyn Jane Sonky evy yere duryng the space of iij yeres next af^r my deceasse yf she be then on lyf xij^{s} iiij^{d} Itm I giff to Issabell Starky towards her maryage orrells towards her fyndyng yf she be ordered and gydet by my son Thomas and my cousyn Ric^d Merbury iiij^{li} Itm to my god childer Richard Pyckeryng and Richard Hatton either of theym vij^{d} Itm to George Newton xij^{d} Itm I gyf and bequeth to thuse and repaçons off the chapell and steple of Streton vij^{li} The residue of all my goods and catells not bequethed ov and byside my detts paid my fußall doon and my legacyes pformed I gyf to my sonnes Sir Henry Sir Symon Geffrey Richard and Pyers whom I orden make and constitute to be myn executors of this my testamēt and last will trustyng in theym that they shall see it truly pformed executed and doon w^t the advise and councell of my broder Pyers Starky whome I also orden assigne and tenderly desire to be supvisor of my said will Also I will and charge all my seid sonnes and childer that yf any contravſie or dowte fortune

to be amonges theym for any article or clause contened in this my last will that they shalbe theryn ordreth and advised by my seid broder and the seid dowte to be expowndet and int̄ptated by my seid broder upon Payne of hym that refuseth to lose my blesyng These beyng witnesse Richard Merbury gentilman Sir Pyers Lacheford Sir Rogur Potte þsts Issabell Starky and other.

TESTAMENTUM LAURENTII DUTTON DE DUTTON
ARMIGERI.¹

Probat in ecclesia coll Sct Johis Cest xx die Januarii [1527-8].

TO all men to whom thys present wrytyng indented and last will off me Laurence Dutton of Dutton in the countie off Chest² esquier shall come here or see I the said Laurence send gretinge in o^r Lord God everlastynge and knowe ye me the said Laurence beyng in good and perfyte remembrannce intendyng at the tyme of my dethe when it shall please owr Lord God that I shall dye and depart out off this myserable and transitory world to channg my lyff lyke as a true christen man ought to do Wherfore I the said Laurence the iijth day off October the y^r off our Lord God mdxxvij and in the yere off the reigne of our souvain lord Kyng Henry the viijth the xix do make and declare my last will and testement as well cōcnyng all my goods catells and fermes as all my manēres lands ten̄ts and heredytaments w^t other my possessones in forme followinge ffyrst I bequethe my soule to Almyghty God

¹ The testator was son and heir of Roger Dutton of Dutton Esq., and married Joan, daughter of Robert Duckenfield of Duckenfield Esq. This ancient family continued here in the male line from the time of the Conquest until the death of Thomas Dutton in 1614, whose only daughter Eleanor married Gilbert Lord Gerard of Gerard's Bromley in Staffordshire.

besecheinge humbly our blessed lady and all the holy compeny of hevyn to be mediators for me to the holy trenyte to accepte the same to the eternall blysse of hevyn And I will that my body shalbe buried and enterred amongs other my anncestoures in the chapell of our blessed lady w^tin the monastery of Norton Also I will that evy preist that shalbe at my buryeng to praye for my soul have xij^d evy clerke iiiij^d and evy pore man and woman jd and all other thyngs necessary and cōvenyent for the same I put to the ordryng will and discrecōn of suche person or psones as I shall name to be myn executor or executors and put in trust at the tyme of my dethe or seche other persone as shalbe present and ordur for me att my departur Also I bequeethe to maister vicare off Budworth my curate my best beast for my mortuary and xx^s in money over his other duties to pray for my soule beseching hym of for gevynes for suche thyngs as I have not done my dutie to God holy churche and hym Also I bequeethe toward the reparacōn of the perishe churche of Budworth and toward the beyng of ornaments therunto fyve marks And to the mother church off Coventrye and Lychefeld xx^s Also I bequeethe to my dought^r Isabell towards hyr mariage v hundredth marks if she be not maryod in my lyff and the same to be levyed and perceyved as herafre shall appere And if she be maryed and part of the money not payd the rest beinge then due to be payd of the profetts of my lands in forme as hereaf^t shall appere in my said will And in like man^r I bequeethe to my doughter Dowce v hundredth marks towards her mariage if she be not maried in my lyff to be levyed and perceyved as heraf^t shall appere And if she be maried and part of the said fyve hundredth marks unpayed that the rest and residue shalbe payd in forme as is above exp̄sed for my doughter Issabell And my will is that if my said doughteres or on of theym be not maryed in my lif that they or she that is unmarried after my decesse shalbe ordred in their or hir mariage by the advyse of my said executour or executoures and feffes or the more part of theym Also I will that all my

detts w^tout delay be fully contented and payd and if I have offended or wronged any person or persones that they shalbe fully recom-
pensed and agreed by myn executour or executours Also I bequeath to Sir Edmond Asheton preist to sing for my soule and my wyffe soules and our anncestoures soules and especiaill the soules for whom I am most bounden to praye evy yere by the space of xx^ty yeres the some of sevyn marks And if the said Edmond dye duryng the said xx^ti yeres that then a nother honest p^tst be provyded by myn executour or executours to syng and pray for my soule and the soules abovereheres the residue of the said xx^ti yeres having yerely the said seven marks for his selary and the same to be taken of the rents issues and pfetts of my lands and tenemēts in Moldesworth Also I will that all my howsold serv^tnts as well men as women be fully contentyd and satisfied of there wages and evy of theym after my decesse to have a quarter wages above theire dutie to pray for my soule Also I bequethe to evy on of my bastard chyldern as well sones as doughtours iiiij kye or iiiij heffers Also I bequethe unto the reperaçon of Acton brydge and high way th^ounto adjoyng twynty pounds if I repeſ it not myself in my lyff Also I bequethe unto Margarete Bothe fourty pounde in money of my goods to be delyvered unto hur immediatly after my decesse toward the fynding of hir and hir children and to pray for my soule and all christen soules And for the orderyng and disposicōn of all my landis and heredytaments I the said Laurence declar^t my will in man^t and forme as folowith ffurst I will John Dutton my bastard sone shall have to hym his heyers and assignes all and evy such lands and tenements w^t their app^ttennts that hath ben purchased by me the seid Laurence or by eny other to my use w^tin the countie of Chest^o or ells where and that my feoffes theroff shall stand and be seised after my decesse to the use of the said John and to his heyers or to his assignes Also I will that the seid John have for the terme of his liff all my lands in Annston which be of the yerely value of fyve pounde above charges

and the mosse fylds nowe being in the sevall holldings of the seid John Dutton Hugh Jannyn John Jannyn Agnes the wyff of Raynald Taylior payng yerely for the said mossefilds for all suts and servyces vj^s viij^d to me the seid Laurence and to the heres males of my bodie lawfully be geton and for fault of such issue payng yerely duryng the seid tyme to Sir Perys Dutton knyght and to the heyers males of his bodye lawfull begoton vj^s viij^d And I will that my feoffes therof shall stand seased after my dethe to the use of the said John during his liff and in likewise I will that my feoffes of all my landis in Northwiche which be of the yere [sic] value of xij^{li} shall stand seased of percell therof of the yerly value of viij^{li} to the use of Thomas Dutton and Robert Dutton my bastard sonnes for terme of their severall lyves and shall suffre theym equally to receyve and take the profetts therof aftra the dethe of me the said Laurence duryng their said lyves that is to wit either of theym iiiij^{li} and of landis of the yerely value off iiiij^{li} residue of the said sume of xij^{li} I will that my said feoffes shall stand seased to the use of the said John Dutton Thomas Dutton and Robert Dutton ffor terme of their sevall lyves that is to wete evy of theym severally xxvj^s viij^d And I will that the said John shall have the noſaſon and makynge of tenſts of the saidis landis of the yerely value of iiiij^{li} duryng his lif payng yerely for the same to the seid Thm^s and Robert liij^s iiiij^d at the termes usuell by evyn porcōns duryng their saide lyves And where I have bequethed to eyther of my said doughtors Isabell and Dowce fyve hundredth m^rks towards their mariages I will and it is my full mynd that my saide feoffes shall suffre the said Sir Peris Dutton who for default off issue male of my body lawfully begoten is my next ryght heyer male as appereth by my old evydences yerely to content and paye after my decesse unto the said Issabell and Dowce at the festes off the Nativitie of Saynt John Baptist and Saynt Martyn in wyn^l or within xl dayes af^t either of the said feists next ensuyng on hundredth marke of lawfull money unto such tyme as either of the saidis Isabell and Dowce

or their assignes be fully content and payd v hundredth marks towards their mariage if they so longe doe lif Also I will that my seids feoffes shall suffre the same Sir Perys af^t my decesse to content and paye unto Katerine¹ and Anne my bastard doughters lxxxli off lawfull money that ys to wit either of them xl pounde to their mariage to be payed as folowith that is to wit yerely unto the said Katyn iiijli at the said feists or w^tin xl dayes then next folowyng and to the said Anne iiijli unto suche tyme either of theym have receyved by the hands of the said Sir Perys his heyers or assignes xl pounde ffor their mariage if they so longe doe lif Provyded that my said basterd doughtours and either of theym shalbe ordred by my executor or executors and feoffes or by the more parte off theym And if the said Sir Perys Dutton his heyers or assignes do not yerely well and truly content and paye as well unto Isabell and Dowee my mulier doughtours the said said [sic] some of on hundredth marks as to the seid Kateryn and Anne my bastard doughtours suche sumes of money as before I willyd to thaym ffor their mariage then I will that as well the said Sir Perys Dutton as all other my feoffes shall permty and suffre the seids Isabell and Dowee and their assignes yerely to perceyve and take on hundredth marks sterlyng of all and evy the issues rents pfetts and advanntages of all my lands and tenemēts in Wyston Nesse Stone Downam Happesford Stawke Pycton Arrowe and Legh in the countie of Chester yerely unto such tyme as either of theym or their assignes have receyved fyve hundredth marks toward their mariage as ys above said And shall also suffre and permty the seid Kateryn and hir assignes yerely to receyve and take all the issues rents and profetts af^t my decesse off all my landes in Acton in the said countie of Chester except my purchased lands which I have gyffen to my said son John unto such tyme as the said Kateryn or hir assignes have receyved the said some of xl pounde And inlikwyse the said Anne

¹ Katherine married John, a younger son of Ralph Done of Flaxyards in the county of Chester Esq., and had issue Ralph, ob. s.p., and Richard Done of Chester.

my bastarde doughtor or hir assignes to receyve all the issues rents and profetts of all my landys in Berterton aft my decesse except my said purchaste lands which I have gevyn unto my said sonne John unto such tyme the said Anne or hir assigne have receyvt xl poundes ffor their mariage upon such condissōn as is above rehersed Also I will that my feoffes off tow tenementis with their appurtenānce in Dutton which be of the yerely value of xlxiij^s viij^d and now in the holdyng of the forsayd Margrett Boith immediatly aft my decesse shall stand and be seased therof to the use of the said Margrett for terme of hir lif And I will that the said Thomas Dutton my bastard sonne shall have for terme of his lif a mease and landis called the m^oche which late was in the holdyng of Laurence Dutton paying therfore yerly to me the said Laurence and to the heires males of my body lawfully begotten and for default off such issue to the said Sir Peris Dutton and the heyers males of his body lawfully begotten the rents therof due and accustomed And further I will that all my feoffes and their heyers aftur my decesse shall stand and be seased off my maner off Dutton with the appurtenānces to the use of me and off my heyers males of my body lawfully begotten and for default of such issue to the use of the said Sir Peris Dutton and the heyers males of his body lawfully begotten And off all the residue of my said maners lands and tenementis except my purchaste lands aft this my p̄sent will p̄formed to the use of the heyers males of my body begotten and for default of such issue to the use of the said Sir Peris and off his heyers males of his body lawfully begotten Also I will that all such lands and tenements as myn uncle Arnalde Dutton purchaste of on Mosse in Bedfordchyr which lands and tenements be of the yerely value of x^s remayne and come immediatly aftur my decesse to the said Mosse and his heyers and that he shall have delyvt unto h̄y all evydences and wrytyngs onely concernyng the same Also I will that if Sir Peris Dutton his heyers or eny other that shall fortune to be myn heyers male do distowurbe and lett my seid

doughtours feoffes or executor or executours or eny of theym or eny other pson or psons besoř named to receyve and take the revenuez issues and profetts of the forsaid maners lands and tenements or off eny pte of theym accordyng to this my pſent last will or vex inquiet or trowble theym or eny of theym by sute or other wyse for the same that then I will that my said feoffes and myn executour or executours shall alyene and sell my manl of Nesse all my meses lands and tenemēts in Nesse and Stawke afor said to whom they shall thynke moost convenient to have to hym or theym and their heyers in fegh and w^t the money therof receyved and taken by my said executour or executours they shall defende the said Sir Perys Dutton or eny other person or psons that soo shall lett distourbe vex inquiet or trowble the pformanīce of my said will And also see my will fully performed and the surplushach of the said money to dispose for my soule and the soules of myn anncestres and all christen soules Also I orden and make the said John Dutton my bastard sonne my true and faithfull executour moost hertly prayng and beseecheyng hym and also all my feoffes and frendes and evy of thaym to helpe and putto their good myndes to execute pforme and fulfull this my pſent will and testament chaurgeyng my said executour soo to do as he will answare before Almyghty God at the ferefull day of jugement Also I ordeyn and make Sir John Port knyght on of the Justices of the Kyngs Benche overseer of this my present will humbly beseching hym for the grete love he haith born unto me in my liff that it will please hym to see this my present will in all thyngs performed and to help my said executour ffor the accomplishment of the same And I will that the said Maister Port shalbe rewarded and recompensed for his payn which he shall take in the same by my said executour accordyngly In witness wherof I the said Laurence to this my present will indented have putto my seale these beyng witnesses Sir Wifm Hardwař vicar of Budworth Perys Wynyngton Richard Leftwich John Wynyngton of the Harmytage the yonger John Dutton off

Hellysby John Grymyseyche Laurence Hatton Sir Wifm Browne
pist and others Yeven the day and yēr above said.

Concordat cū pbato

R. Wydhope.

TESTAMENTUM HAMNETTI HARINGTON
DEFUNCTI.¹

Proba² penultō die Januarii [1527-8].

IN Dei nom̄ Amen Primo die May anno D̄m mccccxxvij I
Hamnet Haryngton esquier holl of mynd and of gud memorie
although deseased in my body make my last will and testmēt in this
man̄ ffyrst I be qwheathe my sall to Almyghty God and our blessed
lady and to all his saints and my body to be buried in the poch
church of Saynt Myghell of Huyton w^tin the towmbe in my chapell
and my best beast to the pson of the said church in the name of my
mortua^r Also I will that whea^r I have infesid Sir Richard Bold
knyght John Eccleston esquier Thomas Penketh and Rauff Bury
gentilmen in sertan lands called Pker's filds in Knowsley and also of
the halfe of on mese and of all oth^r bigings w^t thea^r app'tenās and
the half of all lands and tenementis ptinyng to the same late in the
holdyng of Th̄ms Deane in Huyton wch I lately p̄cheased of the said
Thomas late of the aneritaunce of Esabell doughtour of John Stay-
nall that they shall stand feoffes seased of the p̄misses to the use of
me for t̄me of my lif remeyn^l ov^r to Thomas Haryngton my son for
t̄me of his lif and if it fortune the said Thomas to decease afor

¹ Hamnet Harrington, descended from Nicholas Harrington (the first of Huyton Hey), a younger brother of Sir William Harrington of Hornby Castle Knt., married Margaret, daughter of Ralph Eccleston Esq.; marriage covenant dated 12th August 8 Henry VII. He was succeeded in the estate by Percival, son of his brother, Richard Harrington deceased.

Jamys Haryngton my cosyn and $\frac{2}{3}$ nt then I will that the said Jamys shal have all and senguler the pmisses for $\frac{2}{3}$ me of his lif and aft^t thair desease and the long^t lyv^t of thaym all and evy of the said meses landis tenements rents w^t thaſ app'tenās shall remeyn to Percyall Haryngton my cosyn and heyr and to the heyers male of his body lawfully to be gotten And for defawte of such issue the said feoffes to stand seased to the use of the right heyers of me the said Hamnet for ev^t Also I will that xij^d of cheiff rent going owt of the tenamēt late in the holdyng of the forſaid Thomas Deane be to the use of the said Peſyall and his heyers Also I will that my wif have hyr dower and feoffamēt made to hir of all my lands accordyng to the lawe Also I will that my cosyn Nicolas Tyldesley shall have to hym and his heyers for ev^t all such lands and tenemēts which I lately pcheased of the said Nič in Huyton and Wolfall and also all those lands and tenements w^t fre rent of xij^d by yere of the same which lately weſ sold to Wifm Harison by Richard Tyldesley father of the said Nič whose state an right I have in the same so that the said Nič do and cause to be done the feoffes of the said Nič to seall by indent^t an annuall rent of xx^s by yeſ going owte of the said lands and tenements of the foreſaid Nicolas unto tyme the holl s^ume of xvij marks xj^s iiij^d be renēn up to Thomas Penketh or his assignes aft^t the desease of me the said Hamnet to the use of Thomas Haryngton my sone be fully content and paid Provided alwayes that if it fortyn the said Thomas to deceaſe afore the gods be renēn up then I will that Jamys Haryngton shal have the residue of all such rents as shall fortyn to be behynd Also I will that my cosyn and heyr Peſyall Haryngton shall ſuffer all such purchasyd lands to stand and be accordyng to my will Also I will that Hamnet Stokley and his wyf shalhave such landis and tenements as I have ſet theym by indentur for terme of lif accordyng to the same Also I will that Robert Gernett wif ſhall have a tenemēt acordyng to ſuch gifts as I have made hir during hir lif Also I will that iij kye being now in

myn awne handis be delyved to our ladis stock of Huyton And also I will y^t myn executors do make a glasse wyndow in the northe syde of the church Also I wyll that xx^{to} marks be bestawed and dist^bute at my buryall and also I will y^t xxx^{to} masses be songen and said for a trentall if there be p^tists sufficient at my said buryall Also I will that the said Peyvall my cosyn and heyr have all my harnes y^t is [to] say jakks saletts and oth^r hernes belongy^g to the same and the half of my bowes and all sheff aroys the half of my m^{ke} aroys the oth^r half I gyf to Jamys Haryngton and the gwyv which my bowes and aroys byn in to stand and be an ayrlone And also I will that the said Percyvall shalhave the long bord in the perlur with trists and formes pteyng to the same and also the grate bed in the plur a feth^r bede and a mates and oth^r anowrnamēts w^t the covyng w^t the armys upon ptenyng to the same bed and the cofur w^t the cleket lok in the chambr ov^r the boty Also I will y^t the said Peyvall have all my bed cases of tre^r except ij for my wyf and hir maydins Also I will that he have ij cofurs in my closed wiche myn evidens byn in and they to stand stylly and the closet dur not to be opened till the said Peyvall come home Also I will that the greate formes the greate brendreth the great spytt a bull and a bore to be ayrelomes to the said Peyvall so that he do not stope ne lett this my will to be full filled And also I will y^t the said Thomas my son shall have the half of y^e tēment now in the holdyng of Hamnet Hey duryng the lif of Ric^h Kell and also all such t^{me} of yeris which I have of the demyes of Elisabeth Birbonis then being wedo and of Ni^c Tildisley for landis in Huyton as apereth by indenturys made therof Also I will that the said Thomas my son shalhave x^{li} to be takyn of my gods and catallis yerely and pticulerly as he shall nedē it towards his keping to the scoll yf he have fortyn of lif Also I will y^t the said Jamys Haryngton my s^rv^{nt} shalhave all my ornamenti^s and cloase for my body except my blak gowne which I gif my wyf my chamlet gowne to my cosyn Peyvall my Kyndall jakkets to John Rot^rford

Also I gif to the said Jamys the don geldyng which he is wont to ryde on Also I will y^t Elsabeth Haryngton shalhave a heffur in calf and ij bolokks of the best sort undrawen and the othur ij bolokks I gif to Jamys Haryngton and the bed that he lyis in Also I gif to Hamnet Stokley my godson my bett^r don fely Also I gif to Cicilie Toxstath on hefur styrke Also I gif to Sir Thomas Molinuex my pst xx^s to say ij trentalls for me incōtinēt aft^r my decease Also I will yat wea^r my broth^r Ri^c Haryngton clayme to have had sith the death of our^r father Ni^c Haryngton by ye^r xl^s wheroft the said Ri^c hase biⁿ truly payd by ye^r xxx^s and the residue we were agrett y^t as long as ou^r mothur in lawe Katⁱn Haryngton lyved to have no mo^r but the said xxx^s and at aft^r hir decease then to have xl^s by ye^r duryng my said brothur Ri^c lif Also I will that Sir Hen^r Gorsuch shalhave xl^s for such ̄ves as he hase done and to pray for me if my goods will extend therto And also I will y^t if my goodes wyll extend to hit evy on of my s^rv^tnts dwellyng w^t me the tyme of my death shalhave half a qwat^r wayges forth^r then they have s^rved to pray for my saull Also I will y^t when all this my will is fully pformed in evy pownt and articull yat than the residue of my goods and cattalls to be dist^rbute and bestawed for my saulhelth at the dist^rcon of my executors And I orden and make myn executors John Eccleston esquier George Lath^m and Rauff Burye gentylmen to orden and dispose for my saulhelth as thay shall answa^r afore God And also I will that ictiou of theym shalhave x^s apese to be taken of my goods for thei^r labur And all costs necessarie ov^r and besids to be borne of my goods and cattalls Also I will y^t Laurens Crosse John Justice Rob^r Elle and Henry Ley and Jamys Halsall have ictiou a white gowne to be^r ocheon a torche the day of my buryall The ov^rseer of this my last will and testmēt I make Sir Wifm Leyland knyght Sealed in the p^sens of Sir Henry Gorsuch pst George Eccleston Jamys Haryngton Wifm Wodfall gentilmē Hamnet Stokley and oth^rs the day and yere abovesaid.

TESTAMENTUM WILLIELMI WALTON.¹

IN Dei noīe Amen The vijth day of the moneth of Januarie the
yere of our Lord a thousand v hundredth and xxvijth I Wifm
Walton þste seke in body and hoole in mynde make my testament
and last will in this manþ folowynge ffyrst I bequeethe my soule to
Almyghte God our blessed lady his moder and to all sanctes and my
body to be buryed in the churche off Croston und⁹ the rode celler
afore the chauncell Also I bequeethe my best beyste to the vicar of
the said churche for my mortuare and in the name of my princepall
Also I gyve and bequeethe to an able pist xij marks to syng masse
and to pray for my soule and the soules of all myn anncestours and
for all chrysþyn soules in the said church by the space of ij yeres
next after my decesse Also I gyve and bequeethe to the chapell of
Longeton a masse boke a chalyce and all other ornaments belongyng
and ptenyng to the celebrön of masse Also I geve in my life and
bequeethe in this my last will to Robert ffaryngton sone of Ric^h
ffarington y^e channtre which I of late have purchased founded and
putt in feoffamēt to certen feoffes as doith appere w^t a declaraçon of
my will mynde and testamēt quadripertite therunto annexed for the
contynuance þservaçon and fulfillynge of the same which feoffament
and declaraçon of my said will and testamēt is dated the xxth day of
May the ixth yere of the regne off Kyng Henre the viijth and also
sealed w^t my seale and the ordynaryes seal the xxvijth day of the
moneth of May in the yere of our Lord God a thowsand v hundredth
and xvijth and the ixth yere of the regne of Kyng Henre the viijth the
which channtre is founded for the chapelle of Longeton w^t all meſſ
tenements burgages landis and other thappten⁹ce y⁹unto belongyng
in fulfillyng and pformynge my will under such condiçons covenannts

¹ No date of probate.

and articles named specified and declared in my said feoffament and in my will and testament quadriptite y^opon declared dated as aforesaid pvided alwayes that whyles the said Robt doith want lafull age to be p^t (that is to wete vj yeres) then I will y^t Sir John Walton occupye and solempne dyvine t^rvice at the forsaid chapell of Longeton Butt I will that he receyve his wages yerely duryng the said vj yeres of and by the hands off Ri^c Faryngton aforesaid And forther I will y^t John Walton p^t in his tyme and also Robt Faryngton in his tyme and all other preests in theyr tyme successively for ev^t shal dispose ordur and use theymself accordyng to my said will mynd and testament made and declared opon the sayd feoffamēt afo^r dated Also I will geve and bequeth that aft^r the tyme of Sir John Walton and also aft^r the tyme of the said Robert Faryngton the said channtre w^t all and singler thapp^rten^rnce y^o to belongynge shall remayne holle for ev^rno^r deputed ordyned assigned geven and p^sentyd by the patrons and donatorns in theyr turnes accordyng to the declaracōn off my feoffament and will to one of my blode and kynne and of my name (if ther be any) ev^t so descendyng lynally fro tyme to tyme from us provided alwayes that nother my said feoffament and will theropon made and declared dated aforesaid nor also the p^tste so p^sented for the tyme beyng shall in any tyme thereaft^r be pⁱudiciali hurtfull or nyous to the church of Penworth^m as in mynissheyng delayng or w^tdrawyng or defraudyng any rightes customes or uses here tofore accustomed and used to the said church And forther I will that iiiij scedules be made quadriptite indented and sealed w^t my seal and unto the oy^o my feoffament and will annexed according to the true purport and meanige of this my p^sent last will and in full accomplisshement of the same Also I will y^t ev^y p^t for the tyme being for ev^rmore shall make sufficient reparacōns and bydgynge of howses mess: burgages tenementes w^t other thappurten^rnce of his tenandes (as ofte as shalbe necessary and nede^rfull) opon his owen ppur costs and charges Also I bequeth to Agnes

Walton the dought^t of Emote Hobson vj markes or the value of vj markes Also I bequeth to Elene Hunt^t xl^s of money or the value y^d of Also I geve and bequeth to Henry ffarington squier xl^s Also I bequeth iiij sysses of ots and xx^t mettes of barlye to be dealed and dyvided amonge pore folkes for my soule helthe and mŷn annctours fforther moř I orden and make Thomas Walton the sone of Katyn Mylf^t my true onely lawfull and last executor to deale and dispose for me and in my name all the foresaid gyttes and bequedes as he will answař me afore the hegh judge at the dredefull day of dome Also I bequeth to the forsaid Thomas all my goodes moveable and unmoveable the which I have w^tin the count^t of Lanč to divide myn^t deale and dispose amonge his chyldren and for my soule helth And Henre ffarington and John Botler squyers to be supervisors and ovseers of this my p^sent testamēt and last will In witnes wherof to this my p^sent testamēt and last will I have putto my seal These beinge witnes Richard ffarington Henre Sherdeley Edward Wildynge George Robȳson Rič Tarleton and others Geven the day and yeř afoř said.

THE WILL OF ELIZABETH HURLESTON OF
CHESTER WIDOW.

Probatū fuit in ecclia coll Sti Johis Cest^t secundo die Aprilis
anno Dm^m m cccc xx viij^o

IN the name off God Amen In the yeř off or Lord God a thow-
sand v hundredth and xxvijth and the xxijth day off March I
Elizabeth Hurleston of Chest^t wydow syke in body and holle off mynd
make my last wyl and testament in man^t and forme folowynge ffyrst I
beqweth my soule to Allmyghty God and to or lady Sent Mary and to
all the holle company off hevyng and my body to be buryed in the poch

church off Sayntt Brygitts in the chappell of o^r lady by my husband I^tm I will therbe in bredde ale wyne and other necessaryeys to be spend at my buryall att the dyscretion off my executors I^tm I beqweth to the said parish church off Seynt Brigitts on chales off syl^v w^t on vestmēt and all thyngs thereto belongyng for a p^t to syng masse w^t now beyng in the same church and chapell And also I beqweth to the same church on covyng off Venrrs for a bedd that my husbandes soule and myne maybe p^{yd} fore I^tm I beqwheth to the graye frers and to the blakke ffrers yche of theymē vj^s viij^d and also to the whyte ffrers x^s I^tm I will therbe v p^rincipall lyghtis abowte my beryall and xij whyte gownes and viij torches I^tm I beqwheth to my sonne Nicolas my gylt cupp w^t the cov^v I^tm I beqwheth to my doght^r Ellyn fflécher a broche of gold and my golde ringges I^tm ij pares of flaxen shetes I^tm a bassyn and on ewer off pewt^r two chandelers beyng in the buttre and on dyaper table cloth a fyne towell and on test^r for a bedd off grene bukeram I^tm I beqweth to my sonne S^r Rauff a fedd^r bedde and a bolst^r ij covlettes two blankettes ij pař of shetes and a test^r w^t a covyng beyng in the parler by the hall dowr^r I^tm moř xx^s in money I^tm I beqweth to my sonne Rič on feth^r bedde with on bolst^r ij covlettes and ij pař of shetes I^tm I will that he have his plegg^r which be w^t me for the sum off xxxvij^s iiiij^d I^tm I beqweth to my sonne Hugh my ij gobbelettes of sil^v w^t the cov^v I^tm ij pairs of shetes I^tm ij covlettes I^tm a grett pott off brasse and my corbes off leyde a gratt off hyron I^tm a broche off yron I^tm I beqweth to Jane fflécher a fed^r bedde w^t a bolst^r ij pylloys ij covlettes a lyttle grene covyng ij parrs of shetes ij table clothes owt off the colfre in the chambre I^tm iiij^s vj^s viij^d in money to her marriage I^tm a brasse pott ij chandlers a vodyer iiij pewt^r chargerrs iiij dyses and ij sawserrs I^tm to Elisabeth Davenport a fed^r bedde a bolst^r ij pyllowys of dawne ij blankettes ij covlettes I^tm a greett covyng that lyes on the presse ij payr^s off flaxen shet^r ij payr^s off canves shet^r iij table clothes and ij towelles lyeing in the chamb^r on

hyghe I^m more ij*li* v*s* viij*d* in money towards hyr marryage If a
brasse pott the greit pan a baseyn beyng in the buttre and iiij char-
gerrs iiij dyshes and iiij sawserres beyng off pewt^r I^m to my sonne
Hugh doght^r a fflokbedd ij covle^t I^m a pay^r off flaxen shet^c and
a pay^r off canves shet^c a ffloxen table clothe a brasse pott ij chargerrs
ij pewt^r dyshes I^m in money to heyr marryage xl*s* I^m I beqweth
to Pet^r Hurleston a fed^r bedde a bolst^r ij covle^t ij pay^r off ffloxen
shet^c two pyllowys off downe I^m in money to kepe hym to the
scole ij*li* v*s* viij*d* I^m to Alice Cotgreyffe a fflokbedd ij covle^t a
pay^r off ffloxen shet^c ij chandlers I^m in money v*s* viij*d* If a gratt
off hyron I^m a browch off yron I^m I beqweth to Ric^t fflecher in
money v*s* viij*d* I^m to Nicholas Loker in money v*s* viij*d* I^m to my
sonne in lawe Edward Davenport my syl^v salt w^t the cov^v I^m v*s*
spones off syl^v that were last bōght a dyap table clothe a pair off
hollone sheyt^c and a fyne towell beyng in my coser att my beddys
fete I^m to Kateryn Ley toward hyr marryage v*s* viij*d* I^m I
beqweth to Margaret Tarleton ij chargerrs ij dyshes ij sawcers and
on off my kercheff^c I^m to Katyn Blanchart ij chargeres ij dyshes
ij saw^rces and on off my kercheff^c I^m to Margett Korbyn ij dyshes
and on off my kercheff^c I^m to Alice Bradbury ij dyshes and on off
my kercheff^c I^m to Ellyn^t off the kytchyn ij pewt^r dyshes and on
off my kercheff^c Also it is my will that Pet^r Hurleston sonne to my
sonne Nicholas Hurleston aforsaid shall have all such land^c as came
by me and that my feffers recovers and attorney shall make and
deliv^r to hym a sufficient and lawfull estate off the same for ^tme off
hys lyff the remaynd^r to my right heyers Also it is my wyll that
my ffurnes my ij cesterns my ij leyds in the cowrte and my corbes
w^t all oth^r my good^c not be quethed shalbe solde by my executors
and they money theroff made to go to the pformance off this my last
will and that wiche shall remayn and come ov^r all charg^c and by-
questyes payd and allowed I wyll shall goe to the fyndyng off a
prest to syng ffor my husbonds soule and myn in the chapell off or

lady w^t in the pishe church off Saynt Brigitts afořsaid beyng payd off my executors yerely ffor his wayges iiij^l xij^s iiij^d so long as that money will serve and that my þst Sir Thom^s Bowker shall syng ffor us yff he be able And ffor the true pformance off this my last will I do constitnt and make my executors Edward Davenport my sonne in lawe and Hugh Hurleston my sonne theys beyng wytnes Sir Robt Devyas hir goostly ffad^r and George Palm^r p^ror off the whyte ffrer^r and John Woodeley merchant off Chest^r.

TESTAMENTUM MATHEI BECKE.¹

IN Dei noīe Amen The xxijth day off Novēber in the yēr off ouř Lord a m ccccc and xxth I Mathew Beke wholle off mynd and syke in bodye felyng perells of deth make my testament in this man^r Inprmis I bequethe my sole to Almyghtie God and my bodye to be buried in the colledge church of Manchest^r And in the name off my mortuarie a horse I bequethe unto the roode seller off Manchest^r when yt shalbe pcode [sic] xl^s Iſm I bequethe to Wygan church xx^s Iſm I bequethe unto litell Thom^s Beke vi^l Iſm I bequethe nnto Laurence Cheth^m xx^s to pray ffor my sawle Iſm I bequethe to the mendyng of the paymēt in Salford lane vj^s viij^d Iſm I bequethe unto the mendyng off Newton lawne vj^s viij^d Iſm I bequethe unto the mendyng off Dob lane vj^s viij^d Iſm it ys my will that a welle disposed preist shal syng and pray ffor my sowle a yere Iſm I bequethe to Marion George Brych wyff my wyff^r gyrdyll and both pař of bedes Iſm I wille that the same Marion have my wyves

¹ No date of probate. George Birch of Birch Gent. married, 12th April 10 Henry VIII., Marion, daughter of Thomas Becke of Manchester, and was father of William Birch, Warden of Manchester in the time of Queen Elizabeth. — *Suffield MSS.*

The Becks, a highly respectable family in Manchester, entered their pedigree at the Visitation in 1664-5

best gowne and best kyrtill Īm I bequethe unto S̄r Rob Bek my best gowne and my best blakk chamlett dublett and my best wolstyd dublett Īm I bequeth unto George Brych my secund gowne and my tawny chamlett dowblett and a wolstyd dubled Īm I bequeth unto litill Thom̄s Beke my gawbardyne to make hym a gowne Īm I bequeth to Merget Hadelande a kyrtyll Īm I bequeth to owr ladȳ service in Manchest̄ ij^s The residue off my good̄ not bequethed I bequeth unto my brother Thom̄s Beke and S̄r Robt Beke whome I ordene myn executors to dyspose as the shall thynke best ffor my sowle helth and S̄r James Grene supvisor to se that this my last will be fulfilled att Manchest̄ the day and yēr aforsaid thes witnes George Brych Laurence Cheth̄m Sir James Grene and other.

TESTAMENTUM ARTHURI SCOLFELD DE
SCOLFELD.

Probat xx^o Ap̄lis anno Dñi m v^e lvijj.

IN the name of God Amen The xxijth day of August año Dñi 1557 I Arthur Scolfeld of Scolfeld w̄in the countie of Lanc. gent. sicke in bodie and of good and pfett remembranncē lawde and praise be to Almighty God do ordeyne and make this my p̄sent testamēt and last will in maner and forme followinge ffirst and principallie above all things I comend my soull to Almighty God my Maker and Redemer and my bodie to be buried in the parrishe churche or churche yard of Rachdale or els where hit shall please God to dispose Īm I geve and bequethe to the highe aulter at Rachdale iijs iiijd Īm I geve and bequethe towards the reparacōns of the same churche iijs iiijd Īm I geve &c. to Emme my doughter in lawe xxvj^s viijd yerelie w^{ch} I have paide out of Hartishedd Hall in Yorkshire duringe the yeres w^{ch} I have yet to expende in the same Īm I

geve &c. to my mother on newe silv^g spone and vjs viij^d in monie
 Ifm I geve &c. to Cuthbte Scolfeld¹ my silke dublet my swerd my
 bruche vjs lodes of timber in Quycke² and on paire of crok^g lyenge in
 the maister lawe Ifm I geve to evy on of my brothers children v^s
 Ifm I geve &c. to Rob^t Buckley my best coate Ifm I geve unto
 Hughe Buckley my silk hatt Ifm I geve unto Edward Latham
 my best hosen Ifm I geve unto Edmunde Butterworthe my best
 paire of hose savinge on Ifm I geve &c. to Edward Talio^r my
 servannt one dublett of buckeskynnes one paire of hose one lether
 jerkin and v^s in monie Ifm S^r Henrie Ferror ijs The residue of
 all my goods catallis and detts after my detts beyinge paide my
 funerall expensis discharged and thes my legacies herein conteyned
 pformed I whollie geve and bequethe to Ale^x my bastard sonne And
 I do constitute and make Caterin my wyffe and the said Alexand^r
 my executors to execute trulie in the pmisses And of the execu^con
 of the same I do ordeine and make the forsaide Cuthbte Scolfeld
 Thom^s Buckley of Buckley and Rob^t Buckley his sonne supvisors
 Thes witnes Thom^s Hill George Buckley Thom^s Tetlowe Edm^{ud}
 Mylne and others.

¹ Cuthbert Scolfeld Gent. was the heir of the testator, who was the head of an ancient house in the parish of Rochdale, descended from John del Scolfeld who attests in Hundersfield the grant of John de Sale to Thomas his son and heir on Monday next after the feast of S. Michael xvii. Edw. III. (1343), and who frequently occurs in deeds of that reign. For some account of the individuals named in this will see *Derby Household Books*, p. 164, Note 1, published by the Chetham Society.

² Qu. Quick in Saddleworth.

TESTAMENTUM ALEXANDRI NEWTON DE
NEWTON.¹Probat^o xxvj^{te} Julii anno Dñi m^o v^e lvj^o.

IN the name of God Amen The iiiijth day of Julie in the yere of
or Lord 1557 and in the iij^t and iiiij yeres of Phelippe and
Marie Kinge and Quene &c. I Alex^r Newton of Newton wthin the
countie of Chester gent. beyng sick of bodie and of good and p^{ft}itt
memorie thank^e be to God do ordeyne make and declare this my
p^{nt} testam^t herein conteyned my last will in maner and forme
followinge That is to witt first I geve and bequeathe my soull to
Almighty God my maker and Redemer and my bodie and bones to
be buried wthin the pishe churche of Saint Michaell at Mottram
Also I geve and bequeathe to George Newton my sonne and heire for
and in the name of his heirelomes two of my best oxen my best
waine and wheles my best silv spones my best bedd wth the covynge
belonginge to the same a grett panne or a grett brasse pott wth two
arks for meyle Also I will that the rest of my goods catallis and
detts shall be devyded into iij^t equall and just pts wherof I geve and
bequeathe on equall and just pte unto Emlyne my wife on other pte
to be devyded among^e my children the forsayd George Isabell and
M^rgaret my doughters onlie exceptid and for the therd and last pte
I do reserve to myselfe as well for the discharge of my fufall as also

¹ "Newton is said to have given name anciellty to a family and to have had a meene manor, which was conveyed in 1692 by Alexander Newton to Sir Charles Dukinfield Bart." — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 415. The testator was of Newton in the parish of Mottram, and does not appear to have been connected with the Newtons of Pownall, owners of Newton *juxta* Butley in the parish of Prestbury. He married Emlyn, daughter and heiress of Thomas Bromley of Nantwich, and after his death she became the wife of Edmund Dukinfield Gent. — *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xii. For a notice of the family see *Derby Household Books*, p. 111, *Note*.

for the accomplishmēt of my legacies and bequestis hereafter declared in this my last [will] and testamēt Also I geve &c. to the forsaide George my sonne and heire of my iij^t pte all other cartē plowes waines harrowis and all other implemētē belonginge to husbandrie xij silv spones two coffers and one little coffer tenne syffes of otis a horse and a mare called Julian with all bords and bedstoks wthin my house Also I geve &c. to Wifm Hollinworthe my godsonne of my said therd pt on calfe Also I geve to Reynold Hollingworthe his father on ballid bulloke and his fellowe Also to John Hollinworthe on other calfe Also I geve to Isabell Hollinworth on other calfe Also of my pt I bequeth Thom^s Crompton on cowe wth a white side two stirks a red and a blacke Ifm I bequethe to M^garet his wife a blacke cowe that was an harriot for John Turn^l Also I geve to Isabell Hollinworthe a browne cowe Also to Wifm Crompton a calfe Also I geve to Wifm Newton Emlin Elizabeth Cicelie and Ka^f my children xxx^t hogge shepe the p^{ce} to be taken of my said therd pte and also that these forsaide v children have the saide sheppe made vli^t Also I geve to John and Thom^s my sonnes two oxen a blacke and a browne besidē ther childē pt to kepe them to schole Also I geve Emlin my wife a mare called Rose and also a bed covynge w^{ch} she bought at Ashton And also I geve evy on of my children whose names followe iij^t syffes of otis that is to say Wifm John Thom^s Emlin Elizabeth Isabell Ka^f Cicelie and M^garet Also I will my sonne Wifm shall have all his goodē besidē his childē pt Also I geve &c. to evy on of my servannts on halfe yeres wages Also I geve to James a cowe stirke beside his wages Also I geve to Agnes B [sic] ov her halfe yeres wages on paire of tere hempe shetes Also I geve to my godsonne Ale^x Haughton iij^s iiij^d Ifm to Alis Baylie ijs Ifm I geve to the mendinge of the bell at Mottram x^s Also I will that Anne my doughter have her childē pt of good at the forste dyvision therof amongē her other brethern and sisters but no part or porcōn of the revsōn of my owne therd pt And the rest

remainder and revsōn of all my goods and catallis I geve to my children whose names followe that is to witt Wiffm John Thom's Emlin Eliȝ Cicelie and Kaȝ to be devyded amonge them by even porcōns Also I bequethe and assigne on close lyeinge nerest unto James Bailies called the m⁹led earthe unto my iiij^{or} doughters unmarried unto suche tyme that xx^{tie} m⁹ks be reyded and taken up of the same by myne executors toward the marriage of my said doughters that is to witt to evy of them v m⁹ks at suche tyme as they shall come unto marriage or els other honest p̄fermēt Provided alwaies that if my sonne and heire do come in bonndē to myne executors to pay the said sūme of xx^{tie} m⁹ks toward the marriage of my said doughters at suche tyme as they shall [think] reasonable then he to have the occupaçon of the forsaid close Also I will that John Bailie shall have the medowes w^{ch} heretofore he occupied at Michelmas next comynge payeinge the rent therof to my forsaid wife at M⁹tinmas then next followinge Also I will that if any clause or article conteyned in this my last will and testamēt be not sure and sufficiēt in the same or contrarie and repugnant to any law or statute of this realme heretofore made that then the same shalbe corrected and amended accordinge to the said lawe or statute followinge the true meaninge of this my said will And to the intente that this my last will may be well and trulie accomplished in all causes accordinge to the tenor forme effect and true meanyngē of the same I constitute ordeyne make and appoint Reynold Hollinworthe Thom's Ashton Rondull Wynyngton and Emlin my said wife my true and lawfull executors and my brother John Hollinworthe and Thom's Crompton ōseers of the same Thes beyng witnes Raffe Heyward Charles Andrewe Raffe Andrue Wiffm Fullalove James Jonson John Cleyden Sir Davyd Ithell curate at Mottram.

TESTAMENTUM ADÆ BIROM.¹

IN the name of God Amen In the yere of our Lord God m.d.lvj the
 therd day of May I Adam Birom of Salford in the countie of
 Lanc. m²channt hoole of mynd and pfett memorie ordeyne constitute
 and make my last will and testamēt in maner and forme followinge
 ffirst I geve and bequeth my soull to Almighty God besechinge our
 Ladie Saint Marie and all the hollie cumpayne of heaven to pray for
 me and my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche of Manchester
 afore the rode nere unto my father and mother Also I geve &c.
 to the churchwardeyns of the said churche towards the churche-
 works there and for my buriall in the forsaide churche xl² Also I
 will that all and singuler my detts whatsoev³ they shalbe wth I
 shall fortune to be owghinge at tyme of my deathe and also all my
 fulfull expenses and suche costis and expensis as myne executors or
 any of them shall susteyne beare or be charged wth for or concernynge
 the sute in the lawe spūall or temporall for and annends the pform-
 ance or maintenancce of this my will and testamēt or any pt therof
 shalbe levied taken and paide of my whole goode and cattallis And
 further I will that after all my detts shalbe paide and all obliga-
 cōns and specialties by me made and to be made clerelie discharged
 and paide and all fulfull expensis and sutis above rehersed paide and
 pformed of my hoole goode and cattallis Then I will that the residue
 of all my said goode and cattallis shalbe devided equallie into two
 parts wherof on part wth to me dothe apparteyne and belongeth I geve
 &c. hoollie to my thre sonnes George Birom Henry Birom and
 Adam Birom to be equallie devyded amoung⁴ them ov⁵ and beside ther

¹ No date of probate. The testator was son of Ralph Byrom of Salford (second son of Byrom of Byrom) by Alice, daughter of —— Starkey of Pennington. — *Lanc. Visitation* 1613. He was ancestor of the Byroms of Salford and Manchester. Miss Atherton of Kersall is the representative of the latter family.

childe's part and porcōn of my goods and cattallis and the other part and halfe of my said goods &c. I will to be equallie devyded amongis the said George Henrie and Adam and Isabell Birom M⁹garet Birom and Anne Birom my daughters indifferentlie evy one a like porcōn of the same part Also I will that my said sonnes George Birom and Henrie Birom shall aswell have the rule govnannce and kepinge of the said Isabell M⁹garet and Anne my said doughters of ther part and porcōn of ther said goods and cattallis untill they shall come sevallie to ther ages of xxj^{tie} yeres or shalbe p'ferred by marriage as the said George and Henrie my said sonnes shalby ther discrecōn thinke conveniēt And also I will that my said thre doughters Isabell M⁹garet and Anne and evy of them by the discrecōn of my said sonnes George and Henrie shall have ther convenēt exhibicōn and findinge of ther sevall parts and porcōns of the said goods and cattallis untill they shall come to and be of ther sevall ages of xxj yeres or shalbe otherwise p'ferred by marriage as is aforsaide Also I will that when any of my said doughters Isabell M⁹garet and Anne shall come to her full age of xxj^{tie} yeares or in the meane tyme shall come to any reasonable pmocōn or marriage as my said sonnes George and Henrie shall thinke conveniēt then I will that the forsaide George and Henrie wthin the space of on hoole yere next after suche pmocōn or marriage shall delyver to evy suche of the said Isabell M⁹garet and Anne so pmoted or p'ferred or so comynge to her age of xxj^{tie} yeres her said part and porcōn of the said goods and cattallis w^{ch} shall so remain in the hands of the said George and Henrie Also I will that if any of my said doughters Isabell M⁹garet or Anne afore her or theyr sevall ages of xxj^{tie} yeres will not be ordred nor ruled by my said sonnes George and Henrie and aske and claime any pt of my said goods and cattallis then I will that my said sonnes George and Henrie shall reteyne and kepe in his or theyr hands all suche part and porcōn of my said goods before to theym bequethed as is aforsaide wthout any delyverie therof as shulde appteyne or belonge to any

of the said Isabell M⁹garet or Anne so refusinge to be ordred by my said sonnes George and Henrie untill suche tyme as any of them so refusinge the order of my said sonnes George and Henrie shall come to her or theyre full age of xxj^{tie} yeres or before her pfermēt or mariage as is aforsaid Then I will that all and evy suche part and porcōn of my said goods as ought to appteyne or belonqe to any of the said Isabell M⁹garet or Anne my said doughters so deceassinge shalbe equallie devyded amonges the other of my said doughters Isabell M⁹garet or Anne then beyng on lyve and not married And if hit happen the said Isabell M⁹garet and Anne and evy of them to dye before theyr full age of xxj^{tie} yeres or before ther pfermēt or marriage then I will that all the part and porcōns of my said goods wch shuld or ought to appteyn to any of the said Isabell M⁹garet and Anne shalbe equallie devyded amonges my said sonnes George Henrie and Adam or suche of them as then shalbe lyvinge Also hit is my will that if my said sonne Adam dye before his full age of xxj^{tie} yeres and not married at the time of his deceasse that then all suche part and porcōn of my said goods and cattalles as shuld or ought to appteyne or belonqe to the said Adam so deceassinge shalbe equallie devyded amongis the said George and Henrie my said sonnes if they shall then be lyvinge Also I geve &c. to my lovinge frends Laurens Asshawe gent. Alex. Rigbie and Robt. Shawe evye on of them fowre m⁹ks in monie to thentent that they and evy of them be aidinge and assistinge to my executors for the true accomplishmēt and execucōn of this p̄sent will and testamēt accordinge to the speciall trust and confidence wch I have reposed in them and in evye of them And by this present will and testamēt I do revoke and adnull all former willes by me heretofore made written or spoken And also I do ordeyne constitute and make for my true and faithfull executors my said sonnes George Birom and Henrie Birom to thentent that they shall see this my will in evye article and pointe to be trulie p̄formed and fulfilled and kept And I constitute and make my supvisors of this

my last will and testamēt my sonne Adam Birom and Raffe Browne desiringe them as my speciall confidence and trust is in them to be good and kynde unto my said children In witnes wherof I the saide Adam Birom to this my p̄sent last will and testamēt have set my seale and subscribed my name in the presence and witnes of Robt Shawe, Adam Birom ffranc̄ Sannd̄ Alex. Rigbie and others.

TESTAMENTUM ANNE TILDISLEY.¹

IN the name of God Amen The xvijth day of October in the yere of our Lord God 1556 I Anne Tildisley of the pishe of Eccles the daughter of the late Thom̄s Tildisley esquire nowe deceassed beyng sick in boddie and of good and p̄fett remembraunce do make my last will and testamēt in man̄ and fourme followinge first I bequethe my soull to Almighty God to our Ladie Saint Marie and to all the hollie cumpayne of heaven and my boddie to Christian buriall nere unto the place where my father lyethe in Eccles churche yard Item I do aske forgyvenes of all the world and the creatures therin and I do also aske and requyre forgyvenes of all those that I have by any meanes trespassed or offended heretofore frelie forgyvenye all the world and all the creatures therin of all trespasses and faulte to me heretofore committed and done Item whereas my graundfather Thurstan Tildesley esq̄r late deceassed hathe geven and bequethed as apperethe in one article or clause of his last will and testamēt unto me xlii to be levied of his goode as far as his goode will extend and if his goode will not extend so farr then he willed that the said some of xlii to be levied of his fermes of Mireschoghe

¹ No date of probate. She was a daughter of Thomas Tildesley of Wardley Esq. by Jane, daughter and heiress of Hugh Birkenhead. — *Suffield MSS.* His marriage settlement is dated 26th October 10 Henry VIII., when they were "both within age."

Saurbie Gawsnarghe Pulton fferna and Fishwicke wthin iiiij^{or} yeres next after the day of his deathe towards my marriage w^{ch} said some of xlii and evy part and pcell therof I do frelie gyve and bequethe unto my welbeloved mother Jane Tildisley widdowe and to my brother Thurstan Tildisley esq^r indifferentlie to be devyded betwene them two Ifm I do geve &c. unto my mother Jane Tildisley widdowe on cowe and unto my cosin Elizabeth Worthington two partlett^c the one wrought wth gold and the other wth silke And I do also geve &c. unto my two sisters Isabell Tildisley and M^rgaret Tildisley the resedue of myne apparell if my said mother therunto will consent Ifm I do ordeyne constitute and make my welbeloved mother Jane Tildisley widdowe and my brother Thurstan Tildisley esquier my true and lawfull executors of this my last will and testamēt unto whom I geve &c. the resedue of all my good^c unbesquethed And I do require and most hartelie beseche my cosin Thurstan Parre to be the supvisor of this my last will and testamēt as my espiall trust is he will so be Ifm I will that my executors shall geve to evy on of my bretherne that is to say Hughe Tildisley Rič Tildisley to George Tildisley to Thom^s Tildisley to Gilbte Tildisley and to James Tildisley and to evy of them xij^s iiijd a pece to be paid by the hands of my executors wthin two yeres next after my deceasse if my said executors wilbe pleased so to do In the presence of thes psons Jane Tildisley widdowe Thurstan Tildisley esq^r Hughe Tildisley Alice Worthington Rič Tildisley George Tildisley Thomas Eccersall Wifm Rothwell Roger Hodgekinson Thom^s Sotherne wth others.

TESTAMENTUM CICILIE BOTHE.¹

IN the Name of God Amen The xxvijth day of Decēbre 1557
I Cicelie Bothe of Dunhā Massie wthin the countie of Ches-
ter gentlewomā beyng vexed and troubled wth sicknes in my
boddie and knoledginge my selfe mortall and the tyme of deathe
or momēt of the same to be most uncerayne willinge to make
order and a redynes of all my goods detts and all other things to
me belonginge as was geven and bequethed unto my marriage by my
father George Bothe decessed and likewise all other goods wth was
geven me by my mother as may stand wth the order of the comen
lawe of this realme do make order and establishe this my last will
and testamēt in man^{er} and forme followinge ffirst I will and be-
queethe my soull to Almighty God and or Ladie St. Marie and all
the hollie cumpanie of heaven to pray for me and my bodie to be
buried in Jhesus Chapell wthin the churche of Bawdon ffirst I will
and bequethe to Wifm Boothe of Dunhā Massie vj^{li} xij^s iiiij^d Itm
I will and bequethe to my brother John Boothe xij^{li} vj^s viij^d Itm
I geve unto my godson Robte Boothe vj^{li} xij^s iv^d Itm I will and
bequethe to Anne Massie Elizabeth Fitton and Dorothe Tatton my
sisters vj^{li} xij^s iiiij^d a pece Also I will that my cosin Elizabeth
Massie shall have vj^{li} xij^s iiiij^d Also I will that Wifm Tatton and
Robte Tatton have either of them iij^{li} vj^s viij^d Itm I geve unto the
churche of Bawdon liij^s iiiij^d to be prayde for Itm I geve and be-

¹ No date of probate. Cicely, daughter of George Booth of Dunham Esq. by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Butler of Bewsey Knt. Her sisters mentioned in the will were Anne, the wife of William Massey of Podington, Esq.; Elizabeth, who afterwards in 1566 married Richard Sutton of Sutton Esq.; and Dorothy, the wife of Robert Tatton of Withenshaw Esq. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 402. It is evident from the will that Elizabeth had married a Fitton previous to her union with Mr. Sutton.

quethe unto S^r Thom^s Strettell S^r Henrie Tippinge and S^r John Percyvall ij^{li} vjs viij^d a pece Item I will and bequeethe to my brother Robte Boothe one hundrethe marks Item I geve my uncle Robte Booth ij^{li} vjs viij^d Item I geve unto Charlis Boothe xx^s Item I geve unto George Boothe xx^s Item I geve unto Raffe Massie x^s Item I geve unto Gilbre Bonworth xx^s Item I geve to Thom^s Arderon xij^s iiiij^d Also I will that vj^{li} xij^s iiiij^d be devyded amongis poore people at the discre^con of myne executors Item I will that all the s^rvauntis wthin the house shall have a yeres wagis geven them and the rest of all my good^e unbequeathed my detts fu^{ll}alles and ordinarie charges discharged I geve and bequeethe unto myne executors to bestowe in dedes at ther discre^con Also I ordeine constitute and make my brother Robte Boothe and myne uncle Robte Boothe my true and faithfull executors to execute this my last will and testamēt in man^f and forme before rehersed In witnes unto this my last will and testamēt I the said Cicelie Boothe have to thes p^{nt}e put to my seale the day and yere abovesaid Thes beynge witnes S^r Thom^s Strettell curate S^r John Percyvall Henry Neld John Tippinge and Adam Ogden.

TESTAMENTUM CAROLI MANWARINGE DE CROXTON
ARMIGERI.¹

IN the name of God Amen The vijth day of the monethe of Marche in the yere of or Lord 1520 [1520-1] I Charles

¹ No date of probate. Charles Mainwaring of Croxton, the King's Attorney for the county of Chester, was the son of Ralph Mainwaring of Croxton by Katherine, daughter and coheir of Roger Darley of Chester. He married Katherine, daughter of John Dukenfield of Dukenfield Esq. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 114. It is there stated that he died 5 Hen. VIII., which the date of the will disproves. Isabel was probably his second wife.

Manwaringe of Croxton esq^r hole of mynde and memorie nevtheles sumwhat vexid wth Godd^r visitaçon make and ordeine my last will and testamêt and last will in this man^l and forme ffollowinge ffirſt I bequeethe my soull to Almighty God and to our Ladie his mother and to all the hollie saint^r and my boddie to be buried in the chapell of Saint Nicolas in the pishe of Middlewiche Also I bequeethe in the name of my principall my best quycke good Also I geve &c toward the gildinge of the table of the highe aulter of the pishe churche of Middlewiche xij^s iiiij^d Also I bequeethe to or^r Ladye servise maintenyng in the same towne a cowe Ifm I bequeethe to the pishe churche of Moburley two torches and xvjd I bequeethe to the pishe churche of Alderley a torche Ifm I bequeethe to S^r Henrie Bentley xl^s and his table for a whole yere to singe for my soull and for my frend^r soullis duringe the same yere Ifm I bequeethe to Thom^s Pevor my russet gowne Also I bequeethe to my doughter Anne all such dett^r and covenant^r as is betwixe me and S^r Thom^s Ashton of Ashton under Lyne as more playnelie apperis by wrtinge betwixe us made the wth wrtinge I have delyvered to the said Anne¹ my doughter the coppye wherof hereunto this my will is annexed Ifm I will that all man^l of gytſes grannt^r assignemêt^r feoffmêt^r and bequest^r of any man^l my land^r tenement^r good^r and cattallis made by me heretofore by wrtinge or declared by mouthe by dede or last will to Isabell my wife or to the use and behofe of the same that by this my last will all suche thing^r as much as in is they be ferme stable and ratifid in all man^l effecte to the profett of my said wiffe Ifm I ordene and make my executor^s of this my testamêt Isabel my wife that she shall se for the pfett of my soull as she thinks best and will answere before God to whom I bequeethe the residue of my good^r and duties owinge after my bodie be buried my will fulfilled and my dett^r paid Thes witnes

¹ James Ashton of Chadderton Esq. married Anne, daughter of Charles Mainwaring of Croxton. — Harl. MSS. 1549, fo. 1. At his father's death, 34 Hen. VIII., he was aet. 48, and ob. 3 Edward VI. anno 1550. — Lanc. MSS. vol. xxxi. p. 171.

S^r Henrie Bentley piste Rauffe Chikkens and Raffe Manwaringe
Geven the day and yere abovesaid.

TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI HOLT DE ASHWORTHE
GENEROSI.¹

IN the name of God Amen The vjth day of Novēber in the yere
of o^r Lord God md and l^jx and in the first yere of the reigne
of o^r soveraigne ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God &c. I Robt
Holt of Ashworth in the countie of Lanç gent sicke of bodie and of
good and pfit remēbrance laude and praise be to Almighty God
therfore do ordeyne constitute and make this my p̄sent testamēt
and last will in man̄ and forme followinge ffirſt and principallie I
bequeethe my soull into the hande of Almighty God Maker and
Redem⁹ of mākinde and my bodie to be buried in the parrishe
churche of Midelton or els where hit shall please God to dispose
Itm I will that all my goodē cattallis and dettē after my dettē and
fun̄all expencis paide shalbe devided into thre equall partē whereof
one equall part I will that Johann my wyfe shall have in the name
of all her thridd part of all my goodē and cattallis And one other
equall part I will that my fowre children Williā Cicelie Dorithie and
Elizabeth shall have equallie devided amonge them And of the
thrid equall pt I geve grannt will and bequeth toward the reedyfye-
nge or sustentacōn of the parrishe churche of Midelton vjs vij^d
to be paid by myne executo^{rs} as they churchwardeins shall reason-
able require the same Ifm I geve &c. toward the sustentacōn of

¹ Proved Feb. 15th, 1559-60. The testator married first, Grace, daughter of Ralph Rishton Gent., marriage covenant dated 26th November, 14 Henry VIII., and secondly Joanna, daughter of Sir Robert Langley of Agecroft Knt., marriage covenant dated 20th October 1558. She was living at Ashworth in 1560 "in plena vita."—*Lanc. MSS.* vol. xi. p. 275. For an account of this family see *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part i. p. 103, and *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 198 et seq.

Ashworth chappell vjs viij^d to be paid by myne executors when the churche ryves shall reasonable require the same Item I geve &c. to my sonne in lawe Robt Hulme iiij^{li} vjs viij^d Item I geve &c. to my daughter Anne¹ Hulme iiij^{li} vjs viij^d Item I geve &c. to Jone Hulme a calfe and two shepe. Item I geve &c. to my suster Ellen Dene vjs viij^d Item I geve &c. to Thom^s Dene my nephewe two shepe Item I geve &c. to John Kay my nephewe two shepe Item I geve &c. to Anne Whitworthe one shepe Item I geve &c. to Johanne Whitworthe on shepe Item to Elizabeth Whitworth one shepe Item I geve &c. to Thom^s Holland my servannt vjs viij^d Item I geve to James Lache iijs iiijd Item I geve &c. to James Holt xij^d Item I geve &c. to James Fish^e xij^d Item I geve &c. to Ale^x Whitworthe xij^d Item to Robte Collinge xij^d Item to Ri^c Bridge xij^d Item to Hugh Holt xij^d Item I geve &c. to Ri^c Medwoodd xij^d Item I geve &c. to myne execut^t hereafter to be named xx^s to be geven to the poor folk^e dwellinge in Asheworthe or nere Asheworthe as my execut^t shall thinke mete by ther discre^cons Item I geve &c. to my sonne Robte Holt my horse my saddill my bridell and all thing^e belonginge thereto wth all my harneis belonginge to the warres Item I geve &c. to my said sonne Robte Holt a fetherbedd a matteras wth thing^e belonginge to them and my coffer w^{ch} hathe my evidence in wth all my part of worke lomes pteynynge to husbandrie Item I geve &c. my clocke my brasse pott all my spitt^e gawbert^e and stonne trowghes thre grett ark^e and two grett keres to my serve [sic] my wyeffe and my heires at Ashworthe Item I will that my wif^e and my two sonnes Robte Holt and Willm Holt shall have suche tacks of tithes at Qldam as I have under S^r Thom^s Holt duringe his lease and the residue of all my part of good^e my legacies conteyned herein pformed I geve to my said wyeffe my sonne Robte my iiij^{or} children Willm Cicelie Dorithie and Elizabethe equallie to be

¹ Anne, wife of Robert Hulme of Manchester, and great grandmother of William Hulme Esq. the founder of the exhibitions at Brazenose. — *Lanc. Visitacion*, 1684-5.

devided amonoge them And of this my þsent testamēt and last will I do ordene constitute and make Jone Holt my wifē and Wifm Holt my young² sonne my faithfull execūt to execute justlie in the þmysses as my trust is in them and supvisors therof I do ordene constitute and make S^r Thom^s Holt S^r Robt Langley kts. and ffauncis Holt sonne and heire apparent of S^r Thom^s Holt kt. to ovsee justlie this my last will and testamēt as my trust is in them Thes beynge witnes Thom^s Holland James Haworth Thom^s Deyne James Fishe Robt Collinge wth others.

TESTAMENTUM KATERINE BUCKLEY DE CHEDILL.¹

IN Dei noīe Amen The xvijth day of Novēber the yere of or Lord God mdljx I Caterín Bulkley of Chedale in the countie of Chester beynge of pfit^t mynde and rembraunce nev^theles fearinge the uncertaine howre of God^c visitaōn not willinge to dye intestate do therfore ordene constitute ordene and make my last will and testamēt in man^t and forme followinge ffirst I bequeathe my soull to Almighty God to Jhesus Christ his onlie sonne or Lord and to the Hollie Ghoste pcedinge of them bothe desiringe them to accept my said soull into their hollie hand^t and my bodie to be buried in the chauncell at Chedill before the grett windowe there Secondlie I geve and bequeathe unto S^r Rič Buckley k. my nephewe my best tableclothe of diap my best towell of diap also and my best carpet and to my Ladie Buckley my nece a gold ringe wth a blewe and a red stonne in the same desiringe her to accept the same for a simple token and remēbraunce and to pray for me Also I geve &c. unto my younge nephewe M^r Rič Buckley my signet Ifm I geve &c. unto M^r Thom^s Buckley my brother

¹ No date of probate.

my seconnd table clothe and seconnd towell and also my best bed
savinge one that is to witt a matteras a fetherbed a bolster two pil-
lowes a paire of shetes two blankett^c on covlett and the seconnd
coverinng and my brother Robte I geve x^s in gold Also I geve &c.
to my nece Ellen my best gowne and my best kirtell to the same and
also my therd bed that is to witt a matteras a fether bed a bolster
two pillowes a paire of sheet^c two blankett^c a covlett and my therd
covinge and also my thrid table clothe and my thridd towell and to
Raffe Arderne my godsonne I geve xl^s the rest of my reament and
apparell I will be devide betwixe my nece Elizabethe Buckley and
little Catterin my wenche and I geve to ether of them that is to the
said Elizabeth and Caterin v^{li} a pece and to my nephewe John Buck-
ley v^{li} and to my nece Kat Bulkley xl^s Item I geve &c. to my god-
son Charles Buckley v^{li} and to my nephewe Thom^s that is sonne to
my brother Wifm xl^s Item I geve &c. to my servannt curate and
ghostlie father S^r Homfrey Birron on pece of gold beyinge xx^s and
also an other pece of gold viz. a dubble duckett and to the same S^r
Homfrey also I geve &c. a matteras a fether bedd viz. the seconnd
that I lye apon a pillow a bolster a paire of flaxen shet^c two blan-
kett^c and two coverlett^c Also I geve &c. to Pascha xl^s and to Eliza-
beth Hawerden xl^s Item to Elizabeth Sutton I geve xx^s and a cover-
lett Item to Anne Blackshawe M^ogaret Browne and Anne Tippinge
I geve x^s a pece Item I geve &c. to Raffe Blackshawe xx^s and to
John ap Ri^c xx^s and to John Hygenson vj^s viij^d and to Cateren
Hygenson vj^s viij^d Item I will that Robt Jameson shall have xx^s and
double raymēt accordinge to his indenture at the ovsight of my exe-
cutor^s Item I geve &c. to Wifm Sidebotham a yoke of oxen and to
Kat Moile xl^s The rest residue and remainder of all my good^c and
cattallis not bequethed and geven after my dette paid my legacies
pformed and the cost of my fun^lall dischargid w^{ch} I will to be wthout
any pompe of the worlde but after an honest sort I will to be devide
equallie betwixe my nephue Thom^s Buckley w^{ch} is wth Doctor

Pole my nece Ellin Arderon my nece Elizabeth Buckley and little
 Kaſ my wenche Itm I ordeine constitute and make my lawfull
 execut^r M^r Thom^s Buckley my brother my nephue Thom^s Buckley
 wh^{ch} is wth Doctor Pole and S^r Homfrey Birron to execute and pforme
 this my said last testamēt as they shall answere afore God and for
 ther paines I geve unto the said M^r Thom^s Buckley xxx^s and to
 either of the other two executo^rs that is to my nephewe Thom^s and
 to the said S^r Homfrey xx^s a pece Provided alwaies that if my said
 executo^rs be vexed or troubled in the lawe that then they shall have
 their chargis borne them upon my said good^e In witnes whereof to
 this my said last will and testamēt I the said Kaſ Buckley have put
 my seale and subscribed my name wth myne awne hand the day and
 yere above said Thes beyng witnes Wth Bancroft Raffe Black-
 shawe Thom^s Buckley wth others.

TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS CALVELEY
 PENCIONARII.¹

IN the name of God Amen I John Calveley pension^l to the
 Quenes grace do make this my last will and testamēt beyng
 of pſitt memorie ffirst I bequethe my soull to Almighty God to or-
 blessed Ladie Saint Marie and to all the hollie cumpanie of heaven
 and my bodie to be buried in Aldford churche if I die in Cheshire
 if I die any where els at the discrecon of my executo^rs or frend^e

¹ No date of probate. He was servant to Queen Mary, and a younger son of Sir George Calveley of Lea Knt. by Elizabeth daughter of Sir Piers Dutton of Hatton Knt. His sisters were, Catherine, the wife of John Beeston of Beeston Esq.; Joan, who married first John Edwards of Chirk, and secondly Sir Ralph Leycester of Toft; Christiana, married, 4 Henry VIII., Richard Hough of Leighton; Eleanor, wife of John Davenport of Calveley in 18 Hen. VIII.: and Dorothy, who married first Robert Bostock, and afterwards Edward Almer. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 419.

beyng there then Item I geve to my brother Sr. Hugh Calveley my signet of gold and my sackclothe gowne furred wth catt Item I geve to my cosen George Calveley the best horse that I have and my best cappe wth aglett^c and my crimson satten dublett wth the hose and shoes thereto Item I geve to my cosen Hugh Calveley my chaine of gold Item I geve to Mr. John Dutton my gylt wood knyfe and my horne tipped wth silv³ and gilt and I geve to my cosin his wyf^e my crimson satten gowne laid on wth lace of silv³ Item I geve to my cosin George Bieston my seconnd horse and my harnes of stele Item I geve to my cosin Sr. John Done my gilt harnes of velvet Item I geve to my brother Sr. Hugh my night gowne of blacke damaske garded wth velvet and I geve to evy on of my sisters that be alyve xx^a a pece in gold to make them evy on a ringe in remembraunce of me for lacke of a better gieste And I gyve to my brother Edward^c his gonne he gave me And I geve to Wifm Houghel¹ my best cur-tall Item I geve to my cosin Wifm Alm² my short damaske gowne garded wth velvet Item I geve to my brother Davenport my best crosse bowe wth the rack and the arrowis Item I geve to my brother Alm² my little crosse bowe wth the racke Item I geve to my brother Edward^c my longe gonne Item I geve to Dorithie Damport toward her marriage fyve m⁹k^l Item I do geve xx^{tie} nobles to the pavemēt of Saigton Lane Item I geve to Ro^bte Dicus my old servaunt xl^a and I geve to Rondull Banester my interest of Bewmarris howse the widdowe in Sawhton duringe his life And to John horse kep my servaunt I geve hym xx^{tie} nobles and I geve to Donne iiiij^{li} and to Heseld iiiij^{li} I geve And I geve and assigne unto my brother Antonie all my leases of Sawghton and to Raffe Calveley his sonne (my debt^c paid and my will fulfilled) I geve and assigne to hym my lease of the psonage of Bridlington Item I geve to Geffrey xl^a and to evy servaunt in my brother Antonies house I geve xl^d a pece and I geve

¹ Nephew of the testator, and husband of Jane, natural daughter of Thomas Cromwell Earl of Essex. — Ormerod vol. ii. p. 304.

to Elizabeth Turner iiiij^{or} m⁹ks and to the pishe of Aldford a banner of xx^s to be prade for and an other banner I geve to Hanley and an other to Churchen Heathe and x^{li} to be geven to the poore to pray for my soull And I charge myne executo^rs to pay the pson of Hanley what he will take of his conscience I owe hym and to my brother S^r Hugh Calveley iiij^{li} I borrowed of hym and what he will have for his tithe hay to pay hym and to pay ev^{ry} man that can aske me any thing as myne executo^rs will answere me in an other world And the rest of my goods I geve to myne executo^rs And if hit please God to call for myne executo^rs wthout issue then I wold my leases shuld be the heires of the Ley and this I aske all the world forgynes and I forgrave all the world Written with my owne hand the iiiijth day of June in the thridd and iiiijth yeres of Kinge Phelippe and Quene Maries reigne I geve to Lowe my tenannt xx^{tie} nobles Itm I geve to Bunburie churche a banner of xx^s Itm I geve Henrie Longton my hole interest of his house and demaine grounde that he occupiethe nowe duringe his liefe Itm I do geve Wifm Done my servaunt his howse and ground duringe his liefe And I do make my well beloved brother Antonie Calveley and Raffe Calveley his sonne my executo^rs of this my testamēt

p me John Calveley.

TESTAMENTUM THOME WILBRAM DE WOODHEY
IN COM. CEST. ARMIGERI.¹

IN the name of God Amen In the yer of o^r Lord God m. v^e lv
[1555-6] the xijth day of Januarie I Thoms Wilbrām of Wood-

¹ No date of probate. The testator, son of William Wilbraham of Woodhey, by Helena daughter of Philip Egerton of Egerton Esq., married Margaret, daughter of Sir John Mainwaring of Peover Knt. and died without issue 3rd July 1558. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 199.

hey beyng of parfitt mynd and in good health make my testamēt and last will in forme followinge ffirst I bequeth my soule to Almightye God and to o^r blessed Ladie Saint Marie and to all the hollie cumpanie of heaven and my bodie to be buried in the churche of Acton in o^r Ladie chapell and I will that the Alabast² stonne that is whole wth lay in the said chapell before be laid upon my grave, and I will that xx^s be geven to the churchwardens to be bestowed as they and my executo^rs shall thynke necessarie And yf any monie be owinge by the churchwardens for the churche to me at the tyme of my death I do forgyve the same Also I will y^t xij gownes be bought made and gevin to xij pore men and women the day of my buriall Also I will ther be geven and delt the day of my buriall to evy person that will require the same ij^d And further I will that xxli be geven by the discrecōn of my executo^rs to other poore folk^e and namelie to the poore howsholders whare and in suche places as my executors shall thinke convenient wth convenient spedē after my deathe and that they fayle not hereof as I trust them Also I geve xx^s and more yf nede shall require at the ovsight of my executo^rs to amend the waies and pavymēt^f betwene Acton churche and George Baguley his howse where most nede shalbe wth monie I will be delyvered to some honest man that will se the same bestowed and he to have for his ovsight and paynes iij^s iiij^d Also I will and geve xli towards the exhibicōn and findynge of W^m Daniell¹ at learninge at an Inne of Cowrt to be delyvered by my executo^rs as they shall thinke necessarie provyded that yf the said W^m Daniell be not mynded thereto or will not aplie his learnynge as he shuld do or els happen to dye before the said xli be bestowed that then the residue of that said monie beyng behynd and not bestowed shalbe gevin amonges the young children of Katarin Donne deceased then beyng unmarried at the

¹ Nephew of Thomas Wilbraham and third son of Thomas Daniel of Tabley Esq. He was afterwards knighted and became Judge of the Common Pleas. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 366.

discrecōn of my executo^rs or of the more part of them And besidē
that I will xx^{li} be bestowed and geven amonge the said doughters
towardē the marrage or p̄fērmat at the discrecōn of my said exec
and when they shall thinke conveniēt Itm I geve to my suster
Levsage sonne beyng prentice above x^{li} to be delivēd as my exec
shall thinke necessarie Also I geve to the widowe Wilb̄m Rič
mother xij^s iiij^d and suche monie as I have lent her at any tyme
heretofore I forgyve hit her Also I geve to the widowe Flete iij^s iiij^d
and to W^m Ralinson and Westbrek to eyther of them iij^s iiij^d Also
I lent John Wilbrām of the Wyche vj^s viij^d I forgeve hym the same
Itm I geve to Thorn^s Pollet xij^d and to Robyn Hemet xij^d Itm I geve
to Agnes Swetnam suster to Elizabeth Kynsie xl^s Itm I geve
to my godsonnes Raffe Betteley his sonne and Tho. Clutton^s sonne
to eyther of them vj^s viij^d and to Rič Wyche sonne and Henrye
Leceytor^s sonne my godsonnes to eyther iij^s iiij^d Also I lent xx^s to
my cosin W^m Clayton diverse yeres past I do geve the same to his
sonne my godsonne Also where I lent to my cosin Laurence Woodnet
x^{li} to be repayde in x yeres and have obligacōns for the same I will
the same be forgevin hym towardē the helpinge and fyndinge of his
children Also I do forgyve Rič Flete of Poole xx^s w^{ch} I lent hym
Also Rafe Betteley oweth me about iiiij^{or} mark^e that I lent hym at
sevall tymes I do forgeve hym the same Also where I have an
indenture of Rič Wilbram of two closes or pastures in Wordleston
ther in the holdinge of Edward Mynshull for terme of xij^{tene} yeares
payenge to me yereley xx^s wherof as yet I have receyvid no rent my
mynd and will is y^t the rent of the whole yeres shalbe forgyven hym
willinge hym the rather to put his quaynes [sic] from hym and to
lyve more vertuouslie Also I geve to his suster unmarried v mark^e to
helpe her to some mariage to be delyvd when my execut^l shall thinke
mete Also I will and desire my brother to geve and pay yerelie
duringe my brother^e liefe to evy of the said Rič bretherne (W^m ex-
cept) xij^s iiij^d to helpe them wth yf they will leave their unthriftines

and gaumynge or els not Also where I have made a patent and graunt to John Wilbram of v*l*i of anuall rent by yere duringe his liefe I will and desire my brother he may have and enjoye the same accordinglie unles my brother preferre hym as well otherwyse Also I geve to my suster¹ Whitmore my suster Daniell my suster Le^vsage and my suster Dorithie to evy of theym iij^t double duckett^c for a remembrannce Also I geve to my cosin W^m Le^vsage and his wifе to ether of them ij angell nobles Itm I geve to my cosin Isabell Bromley my cosin M^ogaret Holford and to my cosin Heleyne Massie to evy of them ij angell nobles Itm where James Halghton owithe me xx^s that I lent I forgyve hym the same Itm I geve to John Burton's wifе xx^s Itm Humfreye Hussyе owithe me an angell noble that I lent hym at tyme at vij^s vj^d I forgeve hym the same Also I paid no tithinge for kyne nor hay for suche ground as I occupie in Bunburie parishe I will iij^s iiiij^d be gevin for my discharge therin Also where I lent to my suster Ly^vsage x*l*i for the helpe and to the use (as she said) of W^m Wilbram I will the said x*l*i be forgevin to the said W^m and my suster to be discharged therof Also I geve to Alice my uncle Thoms bastard daughte now widowe dwellinge I suppose in Warmengh^m parishe xx^s And where my brother Robte Manwaringe owethe me xl^s w^{ch} I lent hym I do forgeve hym the same and in like man^f I do forgeve my brother Henrye Manwaringe xxxij^s iiiij^d that I lent hym Also I desire my brother that Julian the bruer (yf she use her selfe honestlie) may have xx^s yerelie duringe her liefe she doyng^e s^vyce therfore for reasonable tyme for I dyd promyse so to her Itm James Roo oweth me xxij^s iiiij^d for a stere that he had of me long ago I do forgyve the same Also my mynd and will is that all my corne aswell wthin howse as wthout growing

¹ The sisters here mentioned are, Elizabeth, wife of John Whitmore of Thurstanston Esq. ; Margaret Daniel, mother of the future Judge ; Margery, wife of Ralph Lever-
age of Wheelock ; and his sister-in-law Dorothy, daughter of Richard Grosvenor of Eaton Esq. and wife of his brother Richard Wilbraham.

and all my cattaille and howsehold goodd^e (heriatts bequest^e and harelomes excepted) shalbe equallie devided in thre part^e wherof my will is my wif^e shall have one pte and my brother Ric. an other pte and the thridd pte to be toward^e the pformannce of this my will and testam^{et} And forther my will is that my wif^e shall have xx^{li} in readie monie to bestowe at her pleasure in considera^con that I have willed but the third pte of my corne cattaille and howsehold stuf^e to her as is before mencio^d w^{ch} I so did biecause the most of the said good^e were left to me by my father to thentent I shuld leave the same to my brother to remaine at this howse as by my said fathers will whose soull God pdon hit may appeare w^{ch} I wold on my behalfe shuld be performid as nere as I cold whereunto my wif^e pmysed me to be contented Howbeit in case she will not be so pleased but requyret^e to have the half of the said good^e then rather then stryfe or unkindnes should therbie growe I will she have the halfe of the same And for so much the said thrid pte appointed as above saide toward^e the pformannce of this my will is not sufficient to discharge and accomplishe the same And my mynd and will is that my sayd brother shall have all my dett^e that be owinge to me and also all my monie to thentent he shall se this my will throughlie pformed and the ov^{plus} (yf any shalbe) to be by hym employed disposed and bestowed in dedes of charitie and otherwyse as he shall thinke necessarie and requisite I remytt the same fullie to his discre^con and consciens willinge and requiringe hym to deley the doyng^e therof no longer then of necessitie shalbe requisite And I will my said brother shall have all suche pcell^e of plate for harelomes as were left to me by my father And forther he to have for harelomes as shalbe reasonable accordinge to the custome of the cuntr^e And also I will he have all suche tack^e and fermes land^e as I have for terme of liefe or yeres And also I will he have all suche monie as I have laid downe for morgaged land^e when the same shalbe redeemed Also I geve to M^ogerie the butler and to Dic

Wirral to eyther of them v m²k₂ and to all other my howsehold
s^rvⁿnt₂ at the tyme of my deathe xx^a besid₂ ther wage₂ Item I will
that my brother Ri_c dailie waytinge s^rvⁿnt₂ shall have evy of
them x^a Also I will that S^r John Alman shall have yerelie duringe
the space of vj yeres next after my deathe paid to hym by my
exec_c iiiij^{li} to say masse and p²ye sp^callie for my sowle my father and
mothers sowles and all other my frende₂ sowles and to serve at
Acton churche duringe the said yeres in case the pishion₂s will finde
a St. Marye p²yste besides duringe the same tyme And yf they
do not then the forsaid S^r John to be at my brothers appointm_ct
where to s^rve I toke a chalice into my hand₂ at the rieffelinge of
churches wth my mother delived to s^rve at or₂ Ladie alter I will the
same be delived againe for S^r John to say masse wth Also I desire
my brother to agre wth S^r John Bushell for other vj yeres to pray
for the sowles above said at what place they two shall agre apon
immediatlie after my death The most part of all suche dett₂ as ar
owinge me by way of lone ar written in a red pap boke beyng in
the plo^r cupbord and other detts for wood cattaile and corne are
written in the longe narowe boke of white pap I had in my
kepinge dy^rse prcell₂ of monie and gold of my suster Daniell and
have delived her the same againe when she sent monie to the
m²chⁿnt₂ And some peces of gold of my suster Whitmores I have
in kepinge My suster Daniell owith me that I have laid downe for
her all thinge beyng allowed and the booke cast by my brother
xxvij^o die Julii aⁿis iij et iiiij^{to} reg_c et regine lxxxvij^{li} xvij^s ix^d I
had xvij bushelle₂ of barlie of her not reckoned for and for recom-
pence therof and to have her to be good to her children above I
am contented to have nothinge for her table and her dowhters they
time the were wth me Also I nowe appoint and desire my brother
Ri_c my wifse my cosins Wifm Lyverseche and Tho. Clutton
to be my executoⁿ of this my will and testam_ct and do geve to
either of my said cosins ij angell nobles Also I desire my cosin S^r

Rič Egerton knight that hit will please hym to be ov̄seer of this
my said will and I geve unto hym for a remembraunce iij angells
Finis.

TESTAMENTUM THOME STARKIE DE STRETTON IN
COM. CESTR. ARMIGERI.¹

TN the name &c. The iiiijth of Julie m v^e xlviij I Thoms Starkie
of Stretton wthin the countie of Chester esq̄er beyng in good
mynd and in good and parfitt remembraunce laude and prayse be
unto Almighty God make and ordeyne this my present testamēt
concerninge herein my last will in man̄ and forme followinge that is
to say ffirst I comend my sowle unto Almighty God my maker and
redeem⁹ and my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche of Bud-
worth wthin the chauncell there afore the hye alter where any of
my auncestors have bene buried afore Also I geve vj^s viij^d towardē
the reparcōns of the churche Also I will that all suche dettē and
duties as I owe of right or consciens to any pson or ps ons be well
and trulie contented and paid by myne exēc hereafter named or
els for so to be paid wthout contradiccion or againe sayeinge and all
suche as shalbe bequethed by me the forsaid Thoms as hereafter
ensuethe Also I geve &c. unto S^r W^m Hardware vicare of Bud-
worthe in the name of my mortuarie x^s and where I am behynd wth
the said vicare of any dutie or duties wth apperteyne unto hym other
x^s desiringe hym to pray for me Also I geve &c. unto Ellen my
dowhter two fetherbeddē and ij kye to be taken out of my goodē
and cattailē and to be delived unto her at suche tyme as she shall

¹ No date of probate. He married Anne daughter of Sir John Booth of Barton
Knt., by whom he left two sons and a daughter, Ellen, who married Richard son of
Randle Spurstow of Spurstow Esq. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 491, and vol. ii. p. 158. See
his father's Will p. 19.

kepe howse Also I geve to Elizabeth Spurstowe my goddaughter one cowe and that to deliver to my brother Rondull Spurstowe that he may se that to go forward for her behalfe Also I geve my chamlet gowne and velvet jacket to make ij vestmēts to the chapell of Stretton to serve there Also hit is my will to have vj white gownes to vj pore men to bere torches that is to wytt to John Pickerin Rafe Hall Hughe Caldwall Randull Starkie Thoms More and John Bennet Crepill And after my buriall done I will iij of the said torches to be delivēd to Budworth churche and the other iij to remaine at Stretton chapell agreynge wth the vicare for them Also I will that my sonne Rič shall have my lease of the tithes of Stretton from and after the feast of Saint Martin the Bushoppe next after my decease payenge unto my executo^r iij^{li} of usuall monie wthin xl^{tie} daies after it be reasonablie demaunded and also he to suffer my wifē to have all the tithes of Moswoodd so longe as my said wifē kepithe hospitalitie there wthout any rent therfore payenge Also I geve to my said sonne Rič my best gowne furred wth skynes Also I bequethe to my cosin Rič M^oburie of Walton one of my two coltē to be taken at his election at or on thiside Martenmas next after my decease Also I bequethe to my sonne Geffrey a doublet of velvet and my cloth gowne furred wth blacke lambe Also I bequethe to my servūnt Roþte Threlfall on twinter heffer and to Isabell Percivall my servūnt one calfe and to M^ogaret Colstenstoke my servūnt on calfe The rest to my executo^r whom I ordeyne my right trustie and derelie belovid Anne and Geffrey Starkie my younger sonne And I constitute and make my ov̄seers S^r Rič Jerratt parson of Grapnall Rič M^oburie of Walton and Rič Urmston Thes beyng witnes John Grymisdiche of Deynewall Rič Starkie of Apulton John Grymisdiche of Grymisdiche S^r Peter Lachford chapleyne and others Also I bequethe to the chapell of Stretton ij kyne

Thomo^r Starkie esquier.

THE WILL OF JOHN DUTTON OF THE NEW MANOR.¹

IN Dei noīe Amen The ixth daye of februarie in the xxxvijth of
 Henrie the eight &c. I John Dutton of the newe manor
 wholl in mynde &c. ffirst I bequeathe my soull to Almighty God
 and or Lady S^t Mary and beseche him that I may be ptaker wth
 him of y^e joyes that he bought for me and all mankynd wth hys
 p^ciousse blode And my bodye and bones to be buryed in the chaun-
 sell of Derresbury afore the Image of S^t Elyn there ffurther yt is
 my mynde and will y^t all suche thing^e as be undoone of my fathers
 wyll wherewth I was put in trust y^e same shalbe accomplaysshed
 and doone wth my good^e by myne executour^e Also I will that all
 my land^e good^e and cattelles moveable and unmoveable shall con-
 tynewe styll together after my discesse unto suche tyme as my
 yongest bastard childe shalbe of the age of xvij year^e and if my
 wyffe so longe keep her sole unmaryed after my discesse and y^e
 same to be imploied and go to theyre exhibicōn and most pffyt
 duringe the same tyme And I to be brought home and my funeral
 expenses and legacie^s to be payd upon my whole good^e And if my
 wiffe in y^e meane tyme be maried and be not contented to lyve so
 longe sole or if she withe this my will be not contented then it is
 my full mynd and wyll that my sayd good^e and cattelles shall
 equally be devyded in three ptes And one pte therof my wyffe to
 have and another pte my bastard sonnes and y^e thyrd pte my bas-
 tard donghters And if my wyffe nowe be wth child whether it be
 man child or woman chyld then I will that the same child have a
 porcōn of my good^e like as my other bastard chyldrene have And
 the third parte of the pffytt^e and revenewes of my land^e I will y^t

¹ No date of probate. An illegitimate son of Laurence Dutton of Dutton Esq. See his father's Will p. 22.

my wiffe have durante her lyffe And after that the sayd seventene year^c be fully ended and fynysshed I will all my land^c wthin the countie of Chester and the fee of Halton shall go and remaine in man^l and forme as herafter ensueth It is to witt y^t if my wyffe be wth chyld wth a soñe then he to have the moitie or halffene deale therof and John Dutton my bastard soñe thother moitie or halffene deale to theym and to y^e heir^c males of their bodies lawfullie begotten And if it chaunce ether of theym to discease wthout haire male then it ys my mynde and wyll y^t whether of theym fortunes to survive thother shall have y^e whole land^c to him and to his hayr^c male by his bodie lawfullie begotten And for default of suche yssue then yt is my will the same my land^c shall go and remaine to Thomas my bastard sonne and to theire male of his bodie lawfullie begotten and so to remaine from one bastard sonne to another as longe as I have any sonne Item I geve and bequeethe towarde the makinge of a wyndowe upon the south syde of y^e churche of Dersburie if my name may be sett inthe same and the same syde be made wthin the space of xvij year^c next ensuyng the date herof xl^s Item I geve and bequeethe xxx^s for three trentalles of masses to be sayd for me to wyt one trentall to be sayd the daye that I am buried if so many priest^c can be gotten and if not then to be fylled out another daye and thother two trentalles to be sayd by S^r Hamnet Sonky S^r Wyffm Pikton and S^r Robt Sonky assone as they may convenientlie afterward^c And y^t evy of thaforsayd xvij yeares that vj^s viij^d be dysposed apon an obyte or mynnyng^e *[sic]* day thone halfe to be geven to poore folk^c and thother to the pryst^c and clark^c and for bread and drynke Also I geve &c. to Katherin Wyrrall xl^s and desyre her in the waye of charitie to forgeve me of suche offence^c and trespac^c as I have made to her

¹ Minnyng-day — the anniversary festival in which prayers were offered up for the souls of the deceased, A. S. See Halliwell in voce. "Minning" is still a common Lancashire word for *reminding*.

I geve &c. to Margaret Bikerton xx^s and to Ellen Kirkham other xx^s Item I will that at my buryenge vj white gownes be bought by my executors and distributed to vj poore folkē where they shall thinke most expedient and nedefull I ordeyne &c. John Dutton and Thomas Dutton my bastard sonnes my executors and I desire my M^r S^r Peers Dutton my brother Thomas Dutton and Thomas Grymesdich and my wyffe to be ovseers of the same And if it fortune herafter that any of my afforesaid childrene chaunce to be marryed affore y^e afforesayd xvij year^e be expyred or be not contented to tarry together but will go and be ruled by him or her selfe then I will that the same child so goynge from thother shall have for his or her porcōn viij m^okē And if any of my executourē or ovseers of this my will take paines or be at charges for the pfermet or fulyllinge of this my will it is my mynde that they shalbe recompensed at the ovsight of the other ovseers Item I geve and bequeethe to evy of my godsonnes ij^s Item I geve &c. to John Bothe vj^s viij^d and to Laurence Bothe vj^s viij^d and to Rondull Onesworth vj^s viij^d Item it is my wyll that if it chaunce me to discesse at this tyme that this my wyll shalbe made up in due forme accordinge as it ought to be by thadvise of my brother Thomas and Thomas Grymisdycē and my executors to have the kepinge therof These beinge wytnes S^r Thōms Fletcher vicar of Runcorn S^r Hamnet Sonky S^r Wyfim Pikton Rondull Onesworthe Thomas Dutton Thomas Grymisdycē Roger Massye of Acton John Henryson of Aunston Henry Duckworth and others And herunto I have put my seale the daye and yeare above sayd Item I geve &c. y^e resydue of the tackē of my howse wherein I nowe dwell wth all landē therunto belonginge to my wyffe as longe as she kepeth her sole unmarried towardē ye kepinge of her and my bastard children and if she marie or decease then I will geve &c. the same to John my eldest bastard sonne and if he discesse then to the eldest of my bastard sonnes next him. John Dutton.

TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS WRIGHTINGTON
ARMIGERI.¹

Pbaſ corā Maſtro Jo. Hanson xv^{to} Decembris m^o v^o lvij^o.

IN the name &c. The xxijth of August m^o lvij^o I John Wrightington wthin the countie of Lanç esq̄er sickie in bodie &c. ffirst I do comend my sowle into the handes of Almighty God trustinge throughe y^o m^ocie and grace of God to have the fruicion of his blessed presence amonge all the saintcs and angell^e in heavin and my bodie I do committ to chraſten men his buriall in my parishe churche of Standishe nere the place where my wifē was buried And as concerninge my good^e first I do geve to Alexander Wrightington my sonne in the name of his childe part and for the discharge thereof xxvj^{li} xij^{iiij} iiiij^d and to ev^y child of the said Alexander xx^s Item I do geve all my plate cuppes salt spones and other made of sil^v or gold to Riſ my sonne and his heres to remaine as harelomes to hym and his said heres for ev^y And I do geve to the said Riſ and his heres in like man^{er} all iren chymleys wth all brasse pewter beddinge and all other implemēts of howsehold Item I do geve to Thoſ Chyſnall my sonne in lawe two old ryall^e and one angell and to John Chisnall my god sonne xl^s and to ev^y other of the said Thoſ Chisnall children x^s Item I do geve to John Wrightington sonne unto Arthure Wrightington my brother xl^s Also I do geve to the buildinge of my parishe churche of Standishe

¹ This family did not enter at any of the Visitations. Robert Dicconson of Eccleston married Ann, daughter of John Wrightington of Wrightington Esq., whose grandson Hugh Dicconson had Wrightington by gift of his uncle [great uncle?] Sir Edward Wrightington, Bencher of Gray's Inn, where he resided.—Wilson's *MSS.*, Shepherd's Library, Preston. The property has passed by descent to Charles Scarisbrick of Scarisbrick Esq. the present owner. For a notice of these families see the *Derby Household Books*, pp. 120, 163.

xl^o ov^d and besid^e xx^s gevin to the said churche by my father
 deceased Itm I do geve to Henrie White xij^s iiijd^d and to Ri^c and
 John his bretherne to either of them vj^s viijd^d Itm to ev^y servuⁿt
 man that I have ov^d and besid^e his wages that he will reken apon
 his consciens vj^s viijd^d wth be thes W^m Nightingale and W^m Harry-
 son and to James Turner and Ri^c Rigbie to either of them iij^s iiijd^d
 Item to M^res Agnes Standishe and M^res Isabell her sister to
 either of them xx^s Item it is my will that my stocke of sheepe
 shall remaine hollie to my executors to the entent they may wth
 the revenues and increase therof dispose yerelie among^e the poore
 people of Wrightington Heskin and Eccleston vj^s viijd^d Itm to ev^y
 godchild I have xijd^d Itm to M^rgaret Denton ov^d her wages as she
 can reken xx^s Item to Isabell Cowlinge vj^s viijd^d. Itm to S^r Ri^c
 Modie¹ in the considerac^{on} of his paynes wth me vj^s viijd^d Itm to
 John Ro^bte and Thoms Hawett to ev^y of them vj^s viijd^d To Ri^c
 Waringe iij^s iiijd^d Itm to Rob^t Chamblayne the parishe clarke of
 Standishe for his paynes ij^s And the Residue of all my good^e dette
 and legacies herin menc^oed or hereafter to be declared and my
 fulfull expenses fullie dischargid I do geve whollie to Ri^c my said
 sonne to the bringinge up of his children And by this I do make
 and constitute Ri^c Wrightington my sonne and heire apparent and
 John Wrightington sonne to the said Ri^c to be my true and law-
 full executors this my will and testament so to execute accoordinge
 to the tenor theroff And so I do make supviso^r my assured M^r
 Edward Standishe esquier to whom for his paines takinge I do
 give two old riall^e of gold And that this is my true will and testa-
 mēt I have caused my curate to write hit wth his owne hand and I
 have sealed and signed hit wth myne owne hand

John Wrightington.

¹ For a notice of this Rector see Gastrell's *Not. Cestr.* vol. ii. part iii. p. 392, *Note*.

TESTAMENTUM WILLIELMI TORBOCKE DE TORBOCKE
IN COM. LANC. ARMIGERI.¹

IN the name &c. The xiiijth of May m v^e lvij I Wifm Torbocke
of Torbocke esquier hole in bodie &c. ffirst I bequethe my
soull to Almichtie God and to o^r Ladie Saint Marie and all the
hollie cumpanie of heavin and my bodie to be buried where hit
shall please God to call for me out of this transitorie world onles
if I die wthin x myles of Huyton parishe then my bodie to be
buried under the tombe where S^r W^m Torbocke knight liethe in
my own chapell The tombe to be set up againe apon my cost and
charge imediatlie after the buriall ffirst I bequethe harelomes pte
I found and more I do gyve for heirelomes to myne heires for ev^r
ffirst I bequethe one chalis of silv pcell gilded I bequethe a silv salt
vj spones also the best bason and ewer and also the best towall for
the same also the best bordclothe wth vj napkins of the best for the
table I bequethe all my harnes and all the bedcasis bothe cervin
bedd^e and other plaine bedd^e with all the meate bord^e and formes
therunto also all cupbord^e in the chambers and also the chaires I
bequethe all standinge leades here and at the chapell hall for hit is
my will that they shall kepe the same places Also I do geve all
the yelinge combes wth ij gret saltinge tubbes in the larder house
I do geve two gret spitt^e wth their rack^e for them Also I do
bequethe the brinyngc coumbe wth the gret pott in the kichin wth

¹ Not proved, the executors having renounced. William, son of Thomas Torbock of Torbock Esq. by Elizabeth, daughter of William Moore [of Bank Hall], married Catherine, daughter of Thomas Gerard of Bryn, by whom he had issue two daughters, Frances and Margaret. His sisters Margaret and Alice were married, the former to William Ireland of Lydiate, and the latter to John Harrington of Huyton Esq. — *Harl. MSS. 1549, fo. 100.* The inquisition post mortem, taken 1 Elizabeth, states that his daughter Frances was a year and a half old, and Margaret only two months.

one halfe garnishe of pewter vessell Also I bequeethe all the beddinge w^{ch} liethe in the chamber named my Lord^e chamb^w all the henginges in the same chamb^w Also I bequeethe all the old ark^e and also ij gret ark^e standinge in the nursarie wth the chest that stands in my closet that my evidence are in I bequeethe to my said heires my signet that I do weare apon my fynger and also the best paire of shodd whelis wth iron and also the best waine and thre of the best sidropes one best hyde yoke wth ij best draught yoke and also two of the best plowes wth y^e irons that longe to them and also two of the best harrowes wth iron pynnes and also a paire of weld^e wth iron Itm I bequeethe iiiij^{or} of the best oxon and also my best mare and also a bull and iiiij^{or} of my best kie and also the best boore and the best sowe and also all the lomys for a webster to werke in Item I do bequeethe the iron chymney that is used to stand in the hall and all the iron gere that belongs to the milnes This is my will that yf my wief nowe beyng^e wth child yf hit please God to be a sonne hit to have all thinge afore written yf she have a daughter then I do make my brother Edward¹ myne heire and to have all suche heirelomes as is afore expressed yf hit fortune that I have an heire male of my bodie lawfullie begotten then I bequeethe to my said brother Edward of my gyfte v^{ll} yerelie duringe his lief as I shall declare by my dede wth lyverseason Also I bequeethe my said brother to have all suche goodde and dette

¹ Edward Torbock married Dorothy, daughter of George Cotton of Combermere, and had issue Sir Edward Torbock Knt. who by his wife Margaret, daughter of Edward Norres of Speke, had a son Edward. — *Harl. MSS.* 1549, fo. 100. The Cotton pedigree (Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 212) states that she was the daughter of Richard Cotton. From the Act Book at Chester it appears that administration of the goods of Edward Torbock of Torbock Esq. was granted to Dorothy his widow 6th June 1608. Through this entry the pen has been drawn. On July 28th following administration of the above was granted to Edward Torbock Esq. son of Sir Edward Torbock Knt. and grandson of the above Edward. Edward Torbock Esq. and his two sons Adam and Richard, enrolled their names at the Guild held at Preston 2nd September 1622, which is the latest notice I have met with of this ancient family.

that I do owe hym I do geve hym my hope ringe of gold having two l̄fes in hit that is A T and W Iſm I bequeethe hym my best somer nagge my sword saddle and bridell I bequeethe to my daughter ffrauncis Torbocke thre hundred m⁹k^l to her mariage and to be taken and receyvid of my land^q to be made accordinge to the lawe yerlie to be receyvid by suche frend^q as I shall appoint and a chest to be made wth double band^q and lock^q at my cost^q and charge to kepe the same monie in unto suche tyme that she come to mariage I do bequeethe her in consideracōn that she shall not have any pte of goodd^q that belong^q to me but that I may bequeethe at my pleasure yet I bequeethe my said daughter one fetherbed a matteras a boulster two pillowes a paire of flaxen sheetis two fledge blanket^q and a counter poynt Iſm I do bequeethe my said daughter two kye and also xx^{tie} sheepe and one gret coffer also one brasse pot called the pore mannes pott I bequeethe to my brother W^m Ireland a blacke gowne and cote and to my sister Ireland a blacke gowne and also iij^{li} vj^s viij^d Also I bequeethe to Laurence Ireland my godchild iij^{li} vj^s viij^d my said suster to put hit forthe for his most profett Iſm I bequeethe to my brother John Harington a blacke gowne and cote and to my suster his wifē a blacke gowne and iij^{li} vj^s viij^d I bequeethe to Percivall Harington my godchild xl^s in monie and to Anne Harington my god daughter iiij^{or} m⁹k^l in monie to be put forthe for them at the sight of their mother Yf my wifē have a daughter then it to have ij^s m⁹k^l to her mariage to be taken up of my launde made accordinge to the lawe also I do geve her ij kye and one fetherbedd wth all hanginge longinge to the same in and for consideracōn that hit shall not claime any child^q pte of goodd^q but that I may geve and dispose at my pleasure Iſm I bequeethe to my suster Anne Torbocke a blacke gowne and two hundrethe m⁹k^l to her mariage yf she do marie by the advyse of her frend^q to be taken of my land^q as shalbe made by dede according to the lawe Also I do geve her at suche tyme she

is married vj^{li} xij^s iiijd to bie her appell Also I do geve to my suster Dorithie a blacke gowne and also two hundredth m⁹k^ç in consideracōn of suchē stufē that I have of hers Also I do geve her the best fetherbedd that was her owne a bolster two pillowē a matteras two blankets and a covynge And also I do geve her xi^{tie} m⁹k^ç of monie to be taken out of my gooddē to bie her apparell Also I do geve to myne uncle Rič Torbocke liij^s iiijd yerelie Itm I do geve my servūnt Rič Torbocke xxvj^s viijd yerelie Itm I do geve to S^r George Robinson preist a blacke gowne the same preist to have yerelie iiijⁱⁱ to be taken of my landē as muche as wantē of the hyre of the kie longinge to the stocke of this towne of Torbocke to be made sure accoridinge to the lawe And he for the same to serve and say masse and other devine service that longē for a preist to do to pray for the soullē of my p̄decessorē and me and all Christen soullē duringe his naturall lief to serve at the chappell that standē apon Torbocke grene yf the said chappell be not builded up at the tyme of my deceasse then I will that the said chappell shalbe made up apon my costē and charge Also I do geve unto the said chappell on chalice of silver pcell gilt a vestment and all thingē that longis to the same to be at the ovsight of the lords of Torbocke Also I do geve to W^m Hayward my servūnt xij^s iiijd yerelie except he be otherwais preferred by me Also I geve to Elizabeth Worsley my wiefes mayden a blacke gowne and iiijor m⁹k^ç towardē her mariage Also I do geve to all my yomen that nowe do me service evye one a blacke cote and a hole yeres wagē ov and besides that I do owe to them at my decesse I do geve W^m Skellicorne for his service done to my father and me that he shall have imediatlie after the decesse of Nicholas Wyke the tenemēt w^{ch} the said Nicholas nowe dwellē in I am content for Nicholas sake that John Wike shall have the tenemēt in Wooton w^{ch} W^m Skellicorne hath nowe at my handē althoughe he was offender Also I do geve to George Matherer Wilkinsons house yf hc and the widoo be content to

marrie together payenge yerelie all suche rente and ȝvyce as is accustomed yf in case the widowe will not marrie the said George then I will that Martinmas come twelfmonthe the tenemēt shalbe devided George to have the one halfe and she to have the other halfe duringe her widdowe hood to bringe up her children for he to do two ptē and she but one yf she do marrie or decesse then the hole tenemēt Iſm I do geve to James Moreton my coke to have after the decesse of ux^r Robt Crok^e the tenemēt wth she nowe dwelle apon payenge all rente &c. and to do service to me and myne heres the gevinge hym wage for his service Also I do geve John Hurst biecause he knowes no wage to have xl^s desiringe my wiefē and my brother Edward to be good to hym Also I do geve Roger Burges a blacke cote for his paine and iij^s iiiij^d I do geve Thōms Orme of Wooton besidē his cote xij^s iiiij^d Iſm I geve myne uncle Sr W^m More priest a blacke gowne and xl^s Iſm I do geve Sr Edward Lawe vicar of Huyton xl^s Iſm I do geve unto M^ogaret Ireland my servūnt and Elizabeth Ireland her suster to either of them vj^{li} xij^s iiiij^d towardē their mariage Iſm I do geve to my worke servaunt^ȝ all suche as have done iij yeres service or upward shall have a hole yeres wag^ȝ besidē that I do owe them and the rest of my servūnt^ȝ to have a quarter wage besidē that I do owe them and for the rest that I geve no wage unto I will that my executors shall loke apon them and to do for them as they shall thinke cause I do geve &c. to Elizabethe Dewerhouse xxvj^s viij^d Iſm to Alice Mather xx^s and to evy on of the other xij^s iiiij^d I bequethe viij pore men evy one of them a white gowne to suche as I shall appoint And vj blacke gownes to vj poore women as I shall declare hereafter or els to the poorest of myne owne tenent^ȝ Also hit is my will that my bodie to be buried wthout pride not to geve no dole at the day of my buriall but to preist^ȝ and clark^ȝ but the shall distribute hereafter wthin xij daies after my buriall xij mett^ȝ of wheate what p^rce soev^r hit be at in bred one mett in Torbocke a

mett in Huyton a mett in Knowsley a mett in Prescot a mett in Whiston a mett in Crounton a mett in Ditton a mett in Halewood a mett in Miche Wooton and Little Wooton two mettē in Lyvpole Also I do ordene &c. my true and lawfull executoⁿ Kaf Torbocke my wief my cosin George Ireland esquier of the Hutt my uncle John More esquire myne uncle S^r Robt More and my brother Edward Torbocke I^{fm} I bequeethe to my cosin Ireland a blacke gowne a cote and my tercell of gowshake And also to myne uncle John More a blacke gowne and cote and a geldinge named Coll Also I do geve to myne uncle S^r Robt More a blacke gowne and a cote and a blacke geldinge with a white face and xxli over and besidē that I do owe hym And furthermore hit is my will that all my landē in Raineforthe shall go and be taken towardē the payenge of my dette and pformaunce of this my last will except all suche landē in Raynforthe as I have geven by dede of feofmēt In witnes herof to this my last will and testamēt I have set to my seale and subscribed my name the day and yere above written

Wifm Torbocke esquier.

Witnesses S^r Robt Moore et S^r W^m Moore et George Mader Elizabeth Worsley Wifm Heyward W^m Abbott wth others.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM DAVENPORT OF
BRAMHALL ESQ.¹

IN Dei noīe Amen Primo die mensis Junii anno incarnationis
Dñi nrī Jesu X^t millesimo quingen^o quadragē^o primo I Wifm
Dampte of Bromall esquier sicke and feble in my bodie nevthelesse

¹ No date of probate. The testator married Blanche, daughter of Sir John Warburton [of Warburton and Arley] Knt. by whom he had, besides other children, Katherine the wife of Hugh Revell of the county of Derby, and Ellen the wife of Ralph Done of Flaxyards Esq. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 401.

of good and pfecte mynde and remēbraunce dredinge the uncer-
taine tyme of my naturall deathe make my testamēt and laste will
in manū and forme followinge ffirste I bequeth my soull to
Almighty God and to or Lady St. Marie his blessed mother and to
all the holie cumpayne of heaven And my bodie to be buryed in
the chappell of or blessed Lady wthin the churche of Stopforde
apon the southe syde of the same chappell where my anncestō^s be
buryed Also I will that myne executors shall pay unto the pson
of Stopford for my mortuarie according to the acte of parliamēt
therof made concerninge mortuaries And I will that my sonne
have his haire lomys accordinge to y^e custome of this countie of
Chesshyre And I will that my funeralles debt^e restitucōns and all
other thinge ordinarye and reasonable be equally devyded in iij
partes wherof one parte to remaine to Blanche my wiffe And the
seconde to my children not maryed and the third to remain to
myne executors to pforme my legacies and bequest^e And I will
that myne executo^s cause an honest priest to celebrate masse and
other devine service for the soulls of me my father my mother my
aunceto^s and all Christen soulls in the church of Stopford and
chappell of Bromall by the space of one wholle yeare next after my
deathe ffor convenient wag^e so to do Itē I will that myne executo^s
cause xxx^{te} masses to be celebrat and doone [in] Stopford church
incontinēt after my deathe for my sowlle my fathers mothers annc-
estō^s and all Christen soulls and pay for evy masse iiij^d Itē I
geve toward the mayntenēce of the service of our blessed Ladie in
the churche of Stopforde xij^s iiij^d Itē I geve &c. to the reparacōn
of the sayd churche xl^s Item I geve &c. toward the mayntenance
of the service of St. Peter there xij^s iiij^d Itē I geve &c. to the
churche of Chedull toward^e the buyldinge therof xij^s iiij^d Itē I
geve &c. to my servaunte Rič Dampte xx^s to Thomas Downs xx^s
and Bartilmew Dampte xx^s And the residue of my good^e and cat-
telles that remaine to myne executo^s for my pte I gyve and

bequeth to my son Wifm Damport to kepe my doughters Katherin and Ellen [with] meate drinke and clothis convenyentlie untill the be maryed and he to have all their ptes of my goodē to theym beloninge Itē I geve &c. to John Dampte my sone a coate of fence a sallet and a payre of splentē and a bill And to my sone Humffrey Dampte a coate a sallett and a payre of splentē and a bill And I will that my wief have y^e thrid pte of my landē y^t she is indowable in wthout any sute at the comēn lawe w^{thin} xx^{tie} dayes next after my discesse And I will y^t Robt Longley and my said wyef and Wifm my sone have y^e govñance and orderinge of John Dampte and Howffrey Dampte untill they come to yearē of discrecōn and receyve the annuyties goodē and cattelles to theyr uses Also I geve &c. unto Katherin Dampte and Ellen Dampte my doughters all my pcelles of land medowe pasture and wood in Bromall aforesaid called Shottiswall of the yere lie valewe of xxvj^s viij^d and y^e barlie feld nye Snylbismore of the yearlie value of xx^s untill they shall have receyved of the same þmysses after my deathe viij scoore powndē toward their mariagē after the rate of xijli vj^s viij^d evye yeare that is to wytt to eyther of theym foure score powndē and the same money to be put into the kepinge of my sayd executors to the use aforesaid so that there be a coffer remayninge in the howse of Bromall wth foure lockē for the assurance and kepinge of the same money and evy one of the sayd executors to have a key of the same Also I wyll that Wyffm Dampte my sone and hayre shall [have] y^e occupacōn and usuage of suche landē as I have geven to my sayd doughters payenge for the same to John Dampte and Wifm Newton as apyth in a certaine dede to theym made And that the sayd John and Wifm shall make a leace to the sayd Wifm Dampte of the same landē during the sayd yearē Provyyded alwayes that if the said Katheryn and Ellyn or other of theym discesse or they be maryed then such pte as belongeth to suche as shall discesse to remaine to my sone Wifm Dampte and his heirē

ffurthermore knowe ye all men y^t I have made Thomas Downes
myne atturney to entre into the þmysse and deli^v possessyon
therof to the sayd Katherin and Ellen accordinge to this my will
And I constitute Robt Longley esquier Wyllm Dampte my sone
and heyre Thomas Aston esquier and Blanche my wyeff my true
and lawfull executors &c. In witnes &c. These beinge witnes
Robt Longley esquier Robt Huyde esquier John Dampte of Wid-
ford gen^t Thomas Werburton of Castell Norwiche S^r Rauffe Hulme
chaplen Rog: Massie Arnold Hunt and others Provyded alwayes
y^t if the sayd Katherin and Ellen or other of theym misorder
theym selffe and be not maryed by thadvice assent and consent
of the sayd Robt Longley Blanche my wyffe and Wifm my sonne
or two of theym that then this graunt of viij score pounde to
theym made to be voyde to theym or to other of theym y^t so dothe
marrie or mysordre theym selffe.

The inventorie of y^e good^e and cattels of Wifm Dampte
esquire decessed p^rs by Laurence Bothe Arnall Hunt Geo.....
and Roger Danell xv die Novemb^r a^o r. r^c H. viij xxxij^o

Imp^rmis xij fate oxen and iij fate kye xⁱⁱ—xxx draught oxen
xxⁱⁱ—xxj stirk^s vjⁱⁱ—iij thrint^t bullok^e and xxxijj twint^t xijⁱⁱ—
xxijj wenyng calves iijⁱⁱ—xxxijj melch kye xjⁱⁱ xⁱⁱ—in corne by
est^t xlⁱⁱ—in wull xⁱⁱ—weders shepe now in Derrebyshire xj scoore
and viij—of ewes in Darrebeshire xijj scoore and vij—in lamb^e
in Darbishere fyve scoore xvj—in rames v—in weders now at
Bromhall vj—in ewes at Bromhall iij—in rames at Bromhall
iij—borres at Bromhall vj—in bife swine hoges and sowes xxv—
in shotte swine xxv

I^tm in y^e whit chamber a feth⁹ bed a mattres and tow fustian
blankets a wollen blanket a cov^let a cont^lpoynt a bolster on ye
whele bedd a feth⁹ bed ij wollen blanket^e a cov^let a cov^lenge of
grene say a bolst^r In the cloke chamber ij feth⁹ bed^e ij mattresses

viij blankett ϵ of wollen viij covlettes iiij bolsters iiij pillowes ij cont ϵ poynt ϵ ij bed covyng ϵ say In y^e bruhouse a mattres ij covlett ϵ In y^e chapell chamber ij mattresses iiij blankett ϵ wollen ij covlett ϵ In the plore chamber a feth⁹ bed iiij mattresses iiij covlett ϵ v wollen blanket ϵ ij bolsters ij pillowes In y^e yate house chamber a feth⁹ bed ij mattresses iiij blankett ϵ iiij covlett ϵ a coveng a grene say ij bolsters ij pillowes Sir Wiilm chamber a [sic] mattresses and blanket ϵ ij covlett ϵ The yomans chamber ij mattresses ij blanket ϵ iiij covlett ϵ a bolst ϵ In y^e stable chamber ij mattresses iiij covlett ϵ ij blanket ϵ In y^e chamber o^v y^e buttery ij feth⁹ beds iiij mattresses viij blanket ϵ a quilt ij covlett ϵ iiij bolsters ij pillowes a cont ϵ poynt ij coveng a grene say In y^e ferth⁹ chamber ij mattresses iiij covlett ϵ a quilt ij bolsters a coveng of old red say In y^e stoure house iiij mattresses ij covlett ϵ viij blanket ϵ iiij cont ϵ pont ϵ iiij bolsters vj quyshons unlined newest in cheses six score and v xxij payre of flaxen shet ϵ and a shete A xj payre of teir of hempen shet ϵ xiiij payre of canvis shet ϵ xiiij new diabor napkyns iiij flaxen bord clothes six borde clothes of flaxen fyve oth⁹ bord clothes for y^e hall xij canvas bord clothes viij oth⁹ towels mo^r of Iryshe yorne xij oth⁹ round towels xvij fyné pillowes beres a pece of flaxen clothe uncut ij drabs of teir of hempe a drab of new canvis an oth⁹ drab of new canvis In the hall seyven carpet quischön In y^e skreene a greit voider of pewt ϵ ij bassens ij ewers of pewt ϵ a masselen bassen vj old carpet quishens iiij grene quishens In y^e chapell iiij old ewlow quishens ij andirons In y^e kechen ij great pott ϵ iiij oder brase pott ϵ a possenet ij fysch pannes ij fryeng pañes a dreping pane fyve iron broches ij iron galbart ϵ ij brendrett ϵ a garnishe of London pewter vessell xvij brod dishes xij pott ϵ gers xij salsers xv trankette iiij potthook ϵ a brasen mor ϵ and pestell ij chafing dishes a caldron an andiron ij barres for y^e same a gridiron In y^e daye house ij mylke lead ϵ a mylke pane of brass ϵ a pewt ϵ bole a pewt ϵ dishe ij skellett ϵ v poot ϵ of butt ϵ and a bawke of butt ϵ In y^e bruhouse a greite furnes of

lead a lesse furnes ij brasse panes a lesse and a more In y^e bakehouse iij wort lead^e In y^e barkhouse fyve dikar and a half tanned In y^e butterie xvij sil^v spones a sil^v salt wt a cov^v xvij chandlers In y^e pantrie a coffre and a half of tallow candels redie made In y^e wullhouse a pyle of wole cōteynyng threscore stone and ten iiiij stone and a half in ij grete wyscett^e of wolle in another wisket xxx pond of sponnen fyne wollen yorne in another wisket xx^t pound of spinnen yorne Spinnen yorne at y^e webst^v in one pece xxx pounds anoth^v pece at y^e webster xxijij pound In anoth^v store house xxv teir of hempe slippinge xxij canvis slippinge x flaxen slippinge In hole cakes of rendred tallow and iij quarters of a cake and oder tallowe unmelted by estimacion &c. &c. [No amount given.]

THE WILL OF LAWRENCE ASSHAWE OF SHAW
ESQUIRE.¹

IN the name &c. The fourthe daye of Julye m iiiij^e lvijj I Lawrence Asshawe of y^e Shawe in y^e pishe of Flixton in y^e cōtie of Lancast^v esquire do bie these p̄sent^e &c. Furst I comēnd my soule unto Almyghtie [God] my creature and makyng moste humble &c. I comēnd my bodie to cristen sepulcure wthin y^e pishe church of Flixton afore and I will y^t xx^t mark^e of my good^e shalbe bestowed and geven by myne executors toward^e y^e byeng of belles to y^e sayd pishe church of Flixton and makyng of a pclosse or trav̄se of tymber ovthaward y^e sayd pishe church requiryng y^e pishe preist and pishenars there to praye for my soule and all y^e

¹ No date of probate. He was a younger son of Lawrence Asshawe of the Hall on the Hill, and married Jane, daughter and heiress of John Valentyn of Shaw in the parish of Flixton. She died before her husband, and, having no issue, gave her lands to her husband, who left them to his nephew Leonard, a younger son of his brother Roger Asshawe of the Hall on the Hill.—*Harl. MSS. 1967*, fo. 2 and 5.

sowles of Elyn late y^e wiff of Sir John Bouthe knyght and of Sir Hughe Hope clarke Itm I geve &c. y^e some of x mark^e to y^e suche byeng of ornamētē and of other necessaries for y^e pishe church of Standishe as shalbe thought moste requisite and convenient by Edward Standishe esquire and my cosyne Thom^s Ashawe by th^o discrestions Itm I will y^t myne executors shall dispose and aft^r there discrestions the sume of xl^s among the porest of y^e townes of Flixton and Urmeston and other xl^s among the porest of Barton Ekles and Irleh^m Itm I geve &c. xx^s toward^e y^e pavynge of the highe waye in Flixton betwene y^e tithe barne and y^e church so that y^e inhitmēts of Flixton do bryng unto y^e grond as well stone and sand sufficient to make y^e paſtēt^m th^o as also to fynd a laboror to serve y^e paver whiles he shalbe at y^e paving y^t of Itm I bequethe y^e some of v marks toward^e y^e paving of any horse causey from y^e towne of Leigh unto y^e Sawt^m Butte in Bedford if it be not pavid in my life time Itm I bequethe unto my nephew Antony Ashawe tenne mark^e Itm I bequethe to my nephew Leonard Ashaw tenne mark^e and a feth^o bed a mattresse a bol^s a pillow ij blankettes ij kyne Itm I geve &c. to George Pilkyneton sone and heire of Rič Pilkington¹ tenne mark^e Itm unto Leonard Pilkington² broth^o of y^e sayd George tenne mark^e Itm to Francis Pilkyneton broth^o to y^e sayd George tenne mark^e and to Janne Pilkyneton sist^o to y^e sayd Leonard and Francis fyve mark^e Itm I geve &c. to John Shawe and Katherin his wiff dought^o to y^e sayd Rič Pilkyneton and to y^o children y^e some of xl^s to be dividid among them Itm I geve &c. John Crosse Alis his wiff and y^o children y^e some of

¹ Richard Pilkington of Rivington Esq. married Alice, sister of the testator. Besides his children here mentioned he had two sons, James and John, who were then exiles for religion. James Pilkington afterwards became Bishop of Durham, and founded and endowed the Grammar School at Rivington. He gave his brother John Pilkington a stall in Durham Cathedral, and afterwards made him Archdeacon of Durham. — *Strype's Annals*, vol. i. p. 371.

² The future Master of St. John's, Cambridge, Rector of Whitburne and Prebendary of Durham. — *Surtees' History of Durham*, vol. i. p. lxxix.

twentie pound ϱ to be devidid among thē Itm I bequethe to John Adlington sone and heire of Hughe A. fyve mark ϱ and unto Roger A. and Thomas A. yong ϱ brethren of y^e sayd John A. xli betwene them Itm I geve &c. to Lawrence Ashawe and Robert A. soñes of Wilm A. of Heath Charnoke and to Jane dought ϱ of y^e sayd Wilm tenne mark ϱ to be devidid equally among them Itm I will y^t evy tenñte w^{ch} I have inhabiting in Flixton shall have evy of them vj^s viij^d apece Itm I geve &c. to Geffrey Darbyshire my servnte xl^s Itm I will y^t evy of my servant ϱ shall have as well yong as old w^{ch} shall be inhabityng wth me in my house at y^e tyme of my deathe shall evy of them have xl^s apice of my gifte and legacie ov^d and besid ϱ such wagis w^{ch} I shall happen them to owe unto y^m sevally Itm I geve &c. to George Lathome of Irle^hm gen ϱ tenn mark ϱ and to Elisabethe some tyme his wiff of [sic] Lathome of Mosbarrowe tenne mark ϱ Itm to Wilm Chorley gen ϱ ffyve mark ϱ Itm where as y^e sayd John Grymsdiche gen ϱ dothe owe unto me y^e some of fortie mark ϱ I y^e sayd Larance do geve unto y^e same John twentie mark ϱ psell y^d of and will he shall retayne y^e sayd xx mark ϱ so to hym bequethed in his hand ϱ in satisfacion of this my legacie to hym geven and shall be clerly acquitted for ev^d of and for y^e paymēt y^d of and I will y^t myne executors wthin as short tyme as conveniently y^e cane af^t my deceasse shall deliv^d unto S^r Ric^h Mullinex knyght S^r John Atharton knyght Gilbard Jarrad esquire John Grymsdyche gen ϱ and S^r Nicolas Warbarton chapleyne my feoffes or the survivores of them the some of xxli to be disposed among y^e pore accordyng to y^e tenor and intent of a certayne writtyng made by me y^e sayd Laurence and beryng date y^e first daye of Julie in y^e fourthe and fifte yeres of o^r sovaigne lord and ladie y^e kyng and y^e quene and y^t my sayd feoffes shall repaye unto my sayd executors the sayd some of xxvli [sic] in forme specified in y^e s^d writtyng indentid &c. I orden &c. Edward Standishe of Standishe esquire John Grymsdiche of Grymsdiche John Mullinex

of Melling genſ George Birom sone of Adam Birom of Salford
my executors &c. And I orden and make y^e right worshipfull Sir
Wittm Ratliffe knyght and Robart Barton esquire supvisors &c.
In witnes whereof &c. [No witnesses named.]

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF ROBERT BECKE OF
MANCHESTER, DRAPER.¹
Dated the 17th of December 1556.

I Geve &c. to y^e pore people vj^{li} xij^s iiiij^d and y^e same to be
devided and bestowed apon y^e pore people by my executrix
and executor as y^e shall thinke nedfull for y^e sowle Item to my
lovinge brother in lawe Ric Hunt my best gowne my damaske cotte
and my crosse bowe Itm to my brother in lawe Henrie Byrom
my best clocke tow bowes and all and evy my arrowes Itm to my
sister Elsabeth Hunt xij^s iiiij^d Also to my sister Mary Byrom
xij^s iiiij^d Also to my sister Cicylie Becke xij^s iiiij^d Also to my
sister Anne Becke xij^s iiiij^d And to my lovyng frend and kynsman
Georg Byrch my second gowne Itm toward^e y^e amendyng of y^e
high wayes about y^e towne of Manchester where myne executors
shall thinke most nedfull xl^s Itm to y^e cundite in y^e M^oket strete
at Manchester xl^s Itm to Wittm Radcliff genſ my bett gardet
coote Itm to M^r Massie my fath⁹ in lawe my white nagge Itm to
my sone Thomas one ring wth my moth⁹ did geve me Itm to Jane
my wiff [such] rings as she hath in hir keping To Thoſ Birch
my otter scynne cote Itm to y^e chappell of Garstang toward^e the
biynge or makyng of a challis there xv^j viij^d.

¹ No date of probate.

THE WILL OF RICHARD WILBRAHAM OF
WOODHEY ESQUIRE.¹

IN the name of Almighty God Amen The xxvth daye off July.
1558 I Richard Wilbrah'm of Wodhey in the countie of
Ches^t esquire callyng to remēbranc this frayle shorte and transi-
tory liff and consideryng y^e tyme of death unctayne and to no
mortall man knownen beyng at this p̄sent tyme in good and pfectte
memory thank^g be to Almighty God do make this my last will &c.
First and p̄ncipally I bequeth and comyte my sowle to Almighty
God my Creature and Savior besechyng y^e blessed Virgin or Ladie
Saynte Mary and all y^e holie company [of] saynt^g in heaven to
pray unto Almighty God y^t it will plese hym the rather thrughe
y^g intercession y^t my soule may come and be in heaven amongst y^e
blessed company y^g and my vile and wretched bodie to be buried
wthin y^e church of Acton nere my fathers buryall and to have a
marble stone layd ov^r me to thentent y^t all well disposed people
lokynge y^gon may y^e rather y^gby have occasion to pray for my sowle
Also I geve &c. to y^e church wardens of y^e pishe church of Acton
toward y^e repracions of y^e same church and to be prayed for xl^s
and one canape for y^e sacramēt ov^r y^e alter to be hanged in Also y^t
xxijij gownes be geven that is to wite xij y^g of to xij poore men and
y^e other xij to twelve poore women y^e daye of my buryall to pray
for my soule Also I geve &c. amongst the poore householders and
others most nedie in y^e pishes of Acton Wrenbury Namptwiche
Bunbury and Malpas in evy of y^e sayd pishes xl^s to be distributed

¹ No date of probate. The testator married Dorothy, daughter of Richard Grosvenor of Eaton Esq. He was Master of the Jewel House and of the Revels to Queen Mary, and in the three first years of her reign represented the county of Chester in parliament. — Ormerod, vol. iii. pp. 198, 199. See his brother's will, p. 58.

aforesayd as shortly after my deathe as conveniently may be in avoyding of any great dole of money at my buriall Also I geve &c. in like maner amongst y^e pore people in y^e pishes of Wibunburie Copenhall Wistaston O^r M^rburie and Herthill to evy of y^e sayd pishes xx^s I geve &c. toward^e y^e mariages of pore maydens y^e full some of xxⁱⁱ pounds for y^t entent y^t y^e shall receive y^e same and maye the rather y⁹ by come to helpe and leve in v^tue and honestie and pray for y^e soules of my fath⁹ and moth⁹ my soule and all xten soules and my will is y^t non of y^e sayd mayd^e other then suche as be of my kyne shall have above xx^s spece. [He then recites a deed dated the xix of September last, by which he had conveyed to Richard Egerton of Ridley, Knt., Alen Chorleton, clerk, Richard Gravenor and Thomas Clutton, lands in Edge with the tithe corn in the parishes of Acton and Wibunburie and the patronage and vicarage of Acton, for y^e use of himself during his life, and after his death to his son Thomas W. and to his heirs for ever, upon condition that] y^e sayd Thom^s Wilbrah^m and his heres aforesayd do and shall yerely for ev⁹ pay unto y^e vicar of Acton and his successors sixe pounds thrittene shillyngs iiijd at the vicorage aforesayd for and to y^t entent only y^t y^e sayd Vicar and his successors for y^e tyme beyng for ev⁹ by thadvice of my sayd sonne and of his heires lord^e of y^e sayd house of Wodhey and y^e wardens of y^e sayd church for y^e tyme beyng shall give and distribute y^e same quarterly amongst y^e pore house holders dwellyng wthin y^e sayd pishe of Acton, desiryng y^e same pore folkes to praye for y^e soules of my fath⁹ my moth⁹ my soule my wiff children brethren and sisters sowles and all xten soules As also oth⁹ six pounds thritten shillings and iiijd pense yerely for ev⁹ to such honest prest to be appynted hereaf^t to praye for y^e soules aforesayd at y^e sayd church of Acton in o^r Ladie chancell And my will is y^t y^e sayd pste shall for ever teache schole and bryng up^e y^e children and youthe of y^e sayd pishe suche as will come unto hym wthout any

thyng y^ofore takyng and he and his scolers evy daye at y^o breakyng
 upe of scole to saye De Profundis a Pat^o Nost^o and an Ave Maria
 for y^o soules aforesayd and evy yere y^o sayd prest y^o xvij daye of
 August to say masse of requiem and his scollers dirge for my fath^o
 and mothers soules y^o soules of y^o others before named and all xten
 soules Item I geve &c. all my leases &c. of Dernall and Shotwicke
 to myne exors for y^o terme of sixe yeres y^t y^o my sayd exors shall
 paye all my debts &c. and furth^o to paye yerelie to Wifm Danyell
 gent^o my sisters soñe xij^l vj^s viij^d and to Thom^s Wilbrah^m gen^t
 soñe of Rauff Wilbrah^m deceased xl^l toward^o y^o fyndyng and
 kepinge them to y^r lernyng at ane Inne of Cowrt To Richard Liv^s
 sage my sisters soñe iij^l vj^s viij^d onlesse in y^o mene tyme he be
 pferred to some livinge of xx mark^o by yere Also I geve &c. to my
 swant^o Wifm Gilford and John Capper to eth^o of them xl^l yerely and
 to John Flete and Rondull Flete to eth^o of th^e xx^s and to John
 Wilbrah^m my uncles soñe yerely liij^l iiiij^d If I geve &c. to evy of my
 [sic] doughters of my sist^o Danyell^o and of my sist^o Lyvsage one
 garnishe of pewt^o vessells To evy one of y^o yong^o sones of my sayd
 sisters y^o foresayd Wifm Danyell and Ri^c Liv^sage onely excepted
 xl^l apece Also I geve &c. amongst y^o doughters of my nephew Ri^c
 Done deceased toward^o y^o marrage xx^{li} To Elisabeth Orton xl^l To
 Ri^c Wilbrah^ms mother of Bryndeley xij^l iiiij^d To Ri^c Gleggs wife
 vj^s viij^d To Rondull Wilbrah^m sone my godsone x^s To the soñes of
 Rauff Betteley and Thoms Penk^o my godsonnes to eth^o of them
 vj^s viij^d To Ri^c Clutton sounne of Thoms Clutton my godsone x^s To
 evy of my servñnts wh^o late were my brothers servñnt^o and now
 dwellyng at this house of Wodhey iij^l iiiij^d My will is y^t James
 Hancky my servñnt shalbe kep of Shotwike pke duryng his [life]
 and to have for his wagis xl^l by yere grass for vj kye iiiij yong
 bests and a nage yerely he using himself to them whom by this
 my testamēt shall have y^o lease of Shottwicke like as ane honest
 servñnt be put in such trust ought to do Where James Roo was

surte unto me for Rauff Knight for paymēt of iiij*l*li I do forgeve y^e same dette to y^e same James I^tm I geve &c. to Elisabeth Wilbrah*m* my base dought^r threscore pound^z toward^r hir mariage and if she do not mary Hughe Bromley then my will is y^t she shall have ov^z and besid^r y^e sayd lx*l*li all such money as I payed to Wifm Bromley y^e fath⁹ of y^e sayd Hughe in likewise toward^r hir mariage w^{ch} I think is xxxiiij*l*li To M^ogaret wife of Wifm Alen of Bryndeley xx*l* mark^z and also all such money as y^e sayd Wifm oweth unto me I^tm I geve &c. to Ric^t Flete my 3vante xxvj*s* viij*d* by yere And further I geve to Dorithie my wiff my best bed wth app^tennce y⁹ to belonging my better hanginges at her choyse y^e half of all suche napery ware as I have y^e half of all such kechine stuff and pewt^r vessel as I have one chayne of gold beyng in hir kepyng and by me before to her geven a ring of gold wth a turques and a ryng of gold w^t a diamond y^e whitte silv^z spones w^{ch} my fath⁹ in lawe by his testamēt gave unto me also one fayre jugge of stone garnyshed wth silv^z and gilte I^tm I geve to y^e forsayd Thoms Wilbrah*m* my sone y^e rest of all my houshould stuff and plate my chayne of gold a horne garnyshed wth silv^z and gilte a longe wood knyfe guilte somtyme Kynge Henrys theighte and also my fayre andirons w^{ch} my mynd and will is shall remene as heire lomes at y^e house of Woodhey Also I geve &c. to my sist^r Whitmore a ring of gold wth letters one y^e outside enamyled a broche of gold of themprors face and one of my coolte or nagg^r To my sist^r Danyell a ring of gold w^t an amitiste To my sist^r Liv^sage a ring of gold w^t a broken ribie To my sist^r in law M^ogaret Wilbraham a round hope ringe of gold graven wth luken and to my cosen Thoms Danyell one new crosbowe and y^e racke y⁹ of To my cosen Wifm Liv^sage one of my gownes of silke and ane old long bowe To my cosen Rauffe Done one of my gownes of silke To my cosen John Done's soñe [some] of myne apprell at the discretion of myne executors I^tm I geve to my cosen Henry Manwaring one of my younge mares or flies now beyng in Nor-

folke To Robarte Cotton my old 3^vnnt somme younger colte or gelding To my cosen Hill my wood knyffe at y^e courte and one of y^e best of my gelding^e To my cosen pson of Stocke my casket at y^e courte To evy of my owne serv^vts in wagis there yeres wagis and some of my colte or nagges at y^e discretion of my executors I^{fm} I geve &c. to my cosen Wifm Liv^sage and to my cosen Thom^s Clutton to eth⁹ of them vj^{li} xiii^r iiijd if y^e will take some paynes in y^e trust I put y^{em} in I^{fm} I geve &c. to Alis Egarton my wiffes mayd towards her mariage liij^s iiijd I^{fm} I geve &c. to John Graven^l and Anthony Graven^l my wiffes brethren to eth⁹ of them one of my silke gownes I^{fm} I make Dorithie Wilbrah^m my wiff my sist^r Elisabeth Whitmore widowe my cosen Wifm Liv^sage and my cosen Thom^s Clutton myne executors In witnes hereof &c. Richard Wilbrah^m Item I geve &c. to Sur Wifm Cordell knyght mast^r of ye roles and to my ladie his wiff to eth⁹ of y^{em} iiiij^r angels to make to eth⁹ of them one gold ring where apon to be graven a dead man's head wth this posie about y^e head — Disce mori — and my name about y^e same ring^e for remembrance and further I do appoynte my lovyng cosen S^r Rondull Hill to be ov^rseer of this my p^sent testamēt &c.

Richard Wilbrah^m.

I^{fm} where I have purchased to me and my heres y^e vicorāg of Sandebache and all y^e tiethes oblaciōns &c. to y^e vicorage belongyng together w^t y^e nomynacion p^sentacion and donacion of y^e same vicorage I do acknowledge y^t I bought y^e same vicorage tiethes &c. to y^e use of my nephew Wifm Liv^sage and payd w^t y^e same wth xxli^r of his w^{ch} of him I receved for y^e same p^{pose} as I remēber I saved hym of y^e sayd xxli^r vli In consideraciō whereof I geve &c. y^e sayd vicorage of Sandbache and all y^e tiethes &c. to y^e sayd Wifm Liv^sage and to y^e heires of his bodie lawfully begotten and for defaulte &c. I will geve &c. y^e remander y^of to y^e heires of y^e bodie of Rauff Liv^sage esquire deceased fath⁹ of y^e said Wifm lawfully begotten

and for defaulte &c. I will &c. y^e remainder y^o of to Thom^s Wilbrah^m my soñe and heire apparant and to his heires and assignes for ever &c. If I will furth^y y^t myne execut^r repaye to hym y^e said some of vli which I saved unto hime as beforesayd Rondull Treves Thom^s Clutton Wil^m Gilford John Capper.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM THOMSON, RECTOR OF
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.¹

IN the name &c. The second daye of September in the yere of
our Lord God a thousand fyve hundred fyftie and three and
in the fyrst yere of y^e raygne of our sovagne ladie Marie &c. I Willi^m Thomson clarke and pson of y^e churche of Ashton und^r Line
of gud and pfecte remēbrance but dreadyng y^e unctene houre of
death make my last will and testamēt as hereaf^t followyng ffyrst I
offer my soule to Almighty God beyng in pfect hope and fully
trustyng by the meryt^e of Christis passion to be one of the electe
at the daye of judgmēt Also I will my bodie to be buried in the
church of Aston in the highe chancell streghte affore y^e myddest
of the highe alt^r and I geve to y^e mendyng of the same church and
to the mendyng of thing^e nedfull y^o in iij^l vj^s viij^d to be delived by
my execut^r to the churche wardens at such tyme as the churche
wardens ned and will occupie the same money and also I geve to
y^e mendyng of y^e highe waye betwyxte Ashton and Manchest^r
xx^s I geve to be distributed and devided among^e the pore people of

¹ On the 2nd of October 1535 William Thomson was presented to the Rectory of Ashton-under-Lyne, on the death of Edward Molyneux the last Rector, by Alexander Radclyffe and Richard Assheton knights, and Thurstan Tyldesley Esq. with the consent of Elizabeth Assheton widow. — From the Registers at Lichfield. His successor William Rogerson was instituted 11th August 1554 on the presentation (pro hac vice) of Thomas Stanley Knt., son of Edward Earl of Derby. — Registers at Chester.

y^e pishe of Ashton und⁹ line vli and it to be devide and delte in wollen or linen clothe or els money to y^e pore folk^e only by my execute^e I geve to y^e mendynge of the highe waye betwixe Asshton and Staveley bridge x⁴ I geve to James my broth⁹ a riall of gold for a remēbrance and a feth⁹ bed a mattres ij cov^{le}t^e ij blankett^e a bolst⁹ ij payre of shet^e ij pillowes and a cov^{yng} of imagerie and ane oth⁹ of red saye wth y^e curtens bedd and bedseller w^{ch} bedde and thes thyng^e aforresayd lie and are in y^e highe grete chamber wherein I lie my self and also my cont⁹ board in y^e haule wth a grete coffer in y^e litill plore and also foure sil^v spones also a blake jacket of blacke clothe y^e daye of buriall To my sist⁹ in law his wife a blacke gowne wth an angell of gold and to evy child y^t my said broth⁹ James hathe vjs viij^d To Lawrence my broth⁹ a riall of gold and a ffeth⁹ bedde lyeng in y^e great plore a mattresse ij cov^{le}t^e ij blanket^e a bolst⁹ ij payre of shet^e ij pillowes a cov^{yng} of red saye wth y^e courtens and hangings bedstock^e and bedseller of y^e same and also my cont⁹ board in y^e great plore wth y^e cubp board in y^e sayd plore and y^e best coffer in y^e highe grete chamber and also iiiij sil^v spones and a blake jacket of fyne clothe y^e daye of my buriall To my sist⁹ in law his wife a blacke gowne with an angele of gold and to evy child y^t my broth⁹ Laurence hathe vjs viij^d To Rič Thomson my broth⁹ a riall of gold and also a feth⁹ bedd lyeng in y^e litle plore a mattres a bolst⁹ ij cov^{le}t^e ij blanket^e ij payre of shet^e ij pillows also my cov^{yng} of lynne and wollen yorn chekket w^{ch} I bought last also y^e bedstock^e bedseller^e and hangyngs of the same bedd in y^e litell plore and also my cuppboard in y^e highe grete chamber and my coffer in y^e same chamber wherein I use to laye in my shet^e for my owne bedde and foure sil^v spones and also a blak jacket of fyne clothe y^e daye of my buriall and to my sist⁹ his wife a blak gowne wth an angell of gold and to evy child y^t my sayd broth⁹ hathe vjs viij^d To my sist⁹ Genet xl^s and a black gowne and to my brother in law her husband

a blak jacket and a riall of gold To my sist Katherin y^e wyf of Peter Standishe xx^s and my litill feth⁹ bedd in y^e closite a matrese ij covle^c ij blanket^c ij payre of shet^c a bolst² ij pillowes a covyng of red saye wth y^e bedstids curtens and hangyng^c of y^e same and also y^e gretist panne y^t I have but one also my best cloke but one and ij silv⁹ spones y^e one of them to be y^e spone w^{ch} my fath⁹ gave me and also a blak gowne of cloth y^e daye of my buriall and to Peres Standishe hir husband a blak jacket wth a riall of gold To M^r Thom^s Houghton a riall of gold To M^r Edmund Hopwod a riall of gold To M^{res} Hopwod his wife a riall of gold and ij silv⁹ spones Also I geve my uncle Henry Bastwell xx^s and a blak jacket y^e daye of my buriall To my cosen Adam Rigbie xx^s and a blake jacket y^e daye of my buriall To my cosen Ri^c Thomson y^e sone of Laurence Thomson sexe pound^c xij shilling^c iiijd a blake jacket if he be at my buriall To John Cocke my serv^{nt} xx^s my best wolsted dublet and a blak jacket y^e daye of my buriall and to Sethe Aspynhalgh my serv^{nt} iiiij pounds in money and a blake cowe and a blak jacket y^e daye of my buriall if y^e dwell wth me y^e tyme of my death To Johan my s^r vñnt xx^s and iij yeard^c of flaxen clothe if she dwell wth me &c. To Elisabethe Harrope xl^s toward hir mariage and a cowe if she dwell &c. To Annes Cutteler xx^s if she dwell &c. To Wifm Knyght my godson xx^s to gett hym a m² if he dwell &c. Also I geve Ri^c Coke my godson xx^s and a heffer or a twenter To S^r Ellis Asshworthe an old riall of gold To evy one of my godchildren my blessing and viij^s To Nicolas Leghes my proctor a riall To Henry M²land a riall of gold To S^r Peter Bower my scole m² at Standishe xl^s and one of my jacket^c and a dublet To Agnes Cutteler a cow or a heffer if she dwell &c. To Ri^c Bastwell and Thom^s Bastwell my cossins cth⁹ of them xij^s iiijd To Edmond Harrope and his wife eth⁹ of them a riall of gold To James Harrope an angell of gold Also yt is my will y^t y^e daye of my buryall so much white cloth be brought to make xij white gownes

and those to be geven to xijij pore men to bryng my bodie to y^e church and to praye for my soule aboute my herse y^e daye of my buriall and linen clothe to make xxiiij sherte and those to be geven to xxiiij pore folk^e to pray for my soule The residue of my good^e aft^t y^t I amē brought fourth my bequest^e geven and my dett^e payed I will shalbe devided in ij pt^e and y^e one half to be devided amongst my brethren James Lawrence and Rič Thomson and oth^o my pore kynsfoulk^e and y^e oth^o half I will shalbe geven to y^e porest people to praye fore my soule and all christen soules Also I make James Lawrence and Rič Thomson my brethren my executors Also I make Thoms Ashton of Shepley gen^t and Nicolas Leghes supervisors These beyng record^e S^r Edward Hepp S^r Ellis Ashworthe prest^e with others.

THE WILL OF GEORGE BOOTH OF DUNHAM ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. The sexte daye of October y^e yere of o^r Lord God a thousand fyve hundredth xxxj I George Bothe of Donnh^m Massie in y^e countie of Chest^t esquire hole in mynd and somewhat deceassed in bodie cōsidering y^t y^e lif of man is mortall and that y^e houre of death is unctene and much dredfull willyng y^ofore to be in a redines whē it shall please God o^r Savio^r to call

¹ No date of probate. The testator, son and heir of Sir William Booth by his first wife, Margaret, daughter and coheiress of Sir Thomas Ashton of Ashton-under-Lyne Knt., married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Butler of Bewsey Knt., and had issue three sons, George, John, and Robert; and seven daughters — Ellen, who married in 1537 John, son and heir of John Carrington of Carrington Esq.; Anne, the wife of William Massey of Podington Esq.; Margaret, the wife of Sir William Davenport of Bramhall; Elizabeth, in 1566, married Richard Sutton of Sutton Esq.; Dorothy, the wife of Robert Tatton of Withenshaw Esq.; Alice the wife of Peter Daniel of Over Tabley Esq.; and Cicely who died unmarried. See her Will, p. 49. He died in 1531, aged 40 years. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 402.

for me from this transitorye world orden and make my last will &c.
ffirst I bequeth my soule to Almichtie God to or Ladie Saynte
Marie &c. and my bodie to be buried in Ihus chappell at Bowdon
churche among myñ ancestors Also I geve &c. to y^e prior of Bir-
kenhed my best horse to praye for me in as much as y^o is a statute
made y^t he can have no corse p^sant Also I geve &c. at Birkenhed
aforesayd ten shillyng^o to saye a trentall of masses for my soule
Also I geve &c. to y^e p^ror and y^e freires at Warington ten shillyng^o
to saye a trentall of masses for my soule I^fm to y^e same p^ror of
Warington toward^e y^e gildyng of or Ladie iij^s iiiij^d Also I will y^t
my best gowne of velvet and my best dublet shall be made in tow
vestimēt^e and y^e one of y^e sayd vestemēts to be geven to y^e sayd
chappell of Ihus at Bowdon church and y^e other vestemēt to remene
in y^e chappell of Dunnh^m for ev^t to thentente y^t it maye be a remē-
brance to praye for my soule Also I geve &c. unto George Both
my sone and heire apparant my cheine of gold and my signet of
gold to thentent y^t he shall have y^e same duryng all his lif and af^t
his decese y^e same chene and signet to remene to suche as shalbe
heres to y^e sayd Georg and so to continue as an heire lome to
suche as shalbe heires and lord^e of Dunh^m for ev^tmore I will y^t y^e
sayd George shall have a bord coved wth the best bord cloth in y^e
hale wth my best salt and my best standyng coppe and a dozen of
my best spones and all oth^o houshold stuf like as I had af^t y^e
decesse of my fath^o as heire lomes and furth^o y^e sayd Georg shall
have of my good^e as shalbe semyng to my execut^r^e Also I geve &c.
to evy one of my serv^{nt}^e wth byñ genfmen and taken for my
yomen y^o wagis in money for one hole yere af^t my decesse ov^t and
besid^e such wagis as y^e shall happen to have servet for in my lif y^t
y^e may pvid them selfes for some oth^o service Also it is my will y^t
my chaplen S^r John Percivall or some oth^o discrete pist shall say
masse praye and do devyn service for my soule and myne ances-
tors and all xten soules by y^e space of vij yeres nexte af^t my

decese and he to have for his salariē yerely ij*l* liij*s* iiiij*d* Also where as Rowland Bukkeley of Bewmarres esqre and oth^r surties wth hym standeth bounden to me by sevall obligacions for y^e mariage of my soñ George it is my full mynd and will y^t myñ execut^r shall have y^e sayd obligacions and receve y^e money for them accordyng at dayes and place in y^e same assigned and as y^e shalbe due to be payed and wth my porcion of y^e same money and my porcion of y^e residue of my movable good^r before not bequethed I will y^t myn execut^r shall make all my funeral^r expensis and also pforme my legacies and bequest^r and shall susten all such cost^r &c. as y^e shall fortune to susten for y^e fulfylling of this my last will and where as I y^e sayd Georg Bothe of grete confidence by my dede indented beryng date y^e xvijth daye of Julie y^e xxij [xxvij?] yere of Kyng Henre y^e viijth have infeoffed my broth^r in law John Massie of Podington esquire John Carryngton of Carryngton esquire Wiltm Mayre of Meyr Richard Legh of Hegh [Legh] esquire Ric Legh of Swarton gentilman and Wiltm Plūt^r clarke parson of Wotton in my man^l of Dunh^m Massie and in all my meas^s land^r tenēt^r rent^r and ſvic^r in Dunh^m Massie Statley Bolyn Deyn Roe Stiall and Wilmeslowe in y^e contie of Chester and also in all my mess^s land^r &c. in Groton Shelderslowe and Quicke in y^e contie of Yorke and in Birmingh^m wt^r in y^e contie of Warwike as by the same dede indented whereunto my will concernyng my sayd man^l meas^s land^r and teñt^r is annexed more plenly dothe apper It is also my will y^t my execut^r w^t my porcion of y^e same ſomes of money to me owyng by y^e s^d Rolland and w^t y^e residue of my sayd good^r shall susten all such cost^r as my sayd feoffes shall susten for eny thynge co^rnyng my sayd feoffamēt and save harmeless evy of my sayd feoffees for the same Also furth^r it is my will y^t my sayd execut^r with my porcion of y^e sayd ſomes of money &c. [as before] shall cōtent and paye all such ſomes of money as it shall fortune me y^e sayd Georg Bothe to be indettet to any pson at y^e tyme of

my deceasse if my sayd movable good \mathfrak{c} and somes of money &c. so far will extend and if y^e will not extend y^o unto then I will y^t so much as y^o of shall lacke shalbe taken of thissues rents and pfit \mathfrak{c} of my sayd manor mes \mathfrak{s} &c. comp \mathfrak{r} sed in my sayd feoffem \mathfrak{t} excepte y^t all such somes of money w^{ch} I shalbe endettet at y^e tyme of my descease to my sayd broth⁹ John Massie or to my cosyn John Sutton for y^e mariage of my doghtors Anne and Elisab \mathfrak{z} shalbe payed and taken of the issues &c. of my sayd man \mathfrak{l} meas \mathfrak{s} &c. comp \mathfrak{r} sed in y^e sayd feoffam \mathfrak{t} , and also excepte xx^t marks of money to be payed of thissues and pfit \mathfrak{c} of my sayd land \mathfrak{c} in Jesus chappell w^{ch} in xl dayes next aft⁹ my decease of [sic] Jane now wif of Lawren \mathfrak{c} Bothe accordyng as appereth by my will annexed to my sayd ded endentite also I bequeth toward ye makynge of y^e side ile of y^e church of Bowdon at such tyme as it shalbe taken down fyve mark \mathfrak{c} of money also I will y^t evy of myn execut \mathfrak{r} y^t y^e shall truly see for y^e pformacion of this my last will and for y^o payn y^o in to be taken shall have xl^t also it is my will y^t myn execut \mathfrak{r} shall have y^e ward and charge of Anne Arderon doughtor and heire of John Arderon decessed and also y^t y^e sayd execut \mathfrak{r} shall have all such tackes and leases w^{ch} I have of my brod⁹ Andrew of his land \mathfrak{c} in Sund⁹land as of all oth⁹ psons in all other places and all such pfett \mathfrak{c} w^{ch} shuld com \mathfrak{f} of y^e same to me toward \mathfrak{c} thexhibicion and bryngyng up \mathfrak{e} of my younger dought \mathfrak{r} also I will y^t Elisab \mathfrak{z} my wif shall have all y^e porcion and pte of my sayd movable good \mathfrak{c} cattels and detts as shall stand and accord \mathfrak{r} w^t y^e law of this realme I desir and p^ry and also orden and make y^e sayd Elisab \mathfrak{z} my welbeloved wif Ric⁹ Legh of Hegh Leghe Ric⁹ Leghe of Sworton gen \mathfrak{f} and Wifm Pl \mathfrak{u} clarke to be myn executore also I desyr and praye y^e right worshipfull M^r Dane John Sharp p^ror of Birkenhed to be ovseer of y^e same to whom I bequethe fore a token a ring of gold The residue of all oth⁹ my good \mathfrak{c} detts cattells &c. if any shall remene I geve &c. to my execut \mathfrak{r} toward \mathfrak{c}

y^e bryngyn^g up of my yonger childreⁿ and furth⁹ to be disposed in dede⁹ of almes and charitie for y^e helpe of my soule as shalbe thought convenient by my sayd execut^r In witnes whereof I y^e sayd Georg Bothe in this my p^sent testam^{et} &c. have set my seale &c. the daye and yere above wretten.

THE WILL OF THURSTAN TYLDISLEY OF WARDLEY
ESQUIRE.¹

IN the name &c. I Thurstan Tyldisley of Wordly in the countie of Lanc^s esquire do make my will and testam^{et} the first day of September in y^e first yere of y^e raigne of or sovaigne lord King

¹ No date of probate. He married first Percival, daughter of Geoffrey Shakerley of Shakerley Esq., by whom he had, besides other children, Alice, wife of Sir Robert Worsley of Boothes Knt., and Thomas, who married Jane, daughter and heiress of Hugh Birkenhead, marriage settlement dated 26th October 10 Henry VIII. Sir Thomas Tildesley (grandson of the above Thomas) of Gray's Inn, Attorney General for the County Palatine of Lancaster and one of the learned Council of the North, married Anne, daughter and heiress of Thomas Norres of Orford near Warrington. He died in 1635, leaving one son, Richard, who survived him four years, and two daughters eventually coheiresses by the death of their brother without issue, Elizabeth, wife of Edmund Breer of Preston, barrister at law, and Anne, who married first Thomas Southworth of Samlesbury Esq., and secondly Adam Mort of Preston.—*Suffield MSS.*, and *Dodsworth's MSS.* vol. liii. p. 15. The testator married secondly Jane, daughter of Ralph Langton, Baron of Newton, by whom he had three daughters, Mary wife of Ralph Standish of Standish, Anne, wife of Richard Massey of Rixton, Dorothy, wife of Richard Breerton of Worsley, and one son, Edward, who, marrying Anne, daughter and heiress of Thomas Leyland of Morleys Esq., was the founder of a family devotedly attached to the ill-fated race of Stuarts. Sir Thomas Tildesley of Morleys, Major General to the brave Earl of Derby, was killed in Wigan Lane 25th August 1651. His great-grandson Edward Tildesley joined the Pretender's cause at Lancashire in 1715, for which he was tried at London and acquitted. His son James Tildesley took part with Prince Charles Edward in 1745, and there is a tradition in the neighbourhood of Astley that he in consequence lost his estate. This can hardly be correct, as he did not sell Morleys until 1755, and was in possession of Holcroft

Edward y^e sixt in man^f and forme ensuyng ffirst I bequeth my soule unto Almighty God my bodie to be buryed in Eccles Church if I die wthin y^e countie of Lan^c at y^e hedd wheras Charles Davenport lieth and I will y^t a chapell of my gud^e and chatteles and of thissues and pfitte of my said farmes of Myrescoche Sawerbie Gosenarghe and Pulton shalbe made whereas y^e bodies of me and the said Charlis shall remene when y^e king or sovaigne lord or any oth^r shall bulde the chancill of y^e said church of Eccles if in my lif tyme I do not make y^e said chappell Also I will y^t Jane nowe my wif shall have duryng hir lif y^e lodge in Myerscoghe to dwell in duryng hir pleasure if myne interest y^o in endure so long wth all man^f of my implements of houshold y^o at this daye remenyng and iestement of xv kyne and y^o calfes yerely y^o and iestement for iiiij horses y^o yerely and y^e crope of iiiij acres of haie ground such as she will chuse and y^e goyng and iestement of so many swyne as she will kepe y^o without anything yelding or painge y^ofore and further I geve &c. to hir y^e third pte of all y^e residue of all my beddinge hanginge con^poynt^e and shet^e and all oth^r my implem^et^e of houshold^e at Wordley or els where remenyng my plate excepted And I desire hir to leve at y^e leaste half of so much stufe as I shall geve hir or y^e value y^o of aft^r her decease to Edward Tildisley my sone and heire if he ov^r live hir And I geve to hir my standinge coppe of silv wth y^e cov^r my best salte wth y^e cov^r and my white pece of silv and xij of my best silv spones wth the littill clocke acrudall wth all my chapell stuf at Myrescoghe wth a like desire y^t she shall leave y^e half or y^e value of y^e half to Edward Tildisley And I bequeth to my said wif all my titill y^t I have in y^e tithes of Layrbreeke Litill Ecclisten y^e Wale Bethum Hall and Grenall and I desire my said wif to leave y^e whole titill y^o of to my

Hall at the time of his death, as appears from his will, dated 8th February 1765, and proved at Chester 23rd April 1768. See *Lancashire Memoirs of the Rebellion in 1715*, p. 221, and the *Jacobite Trials at Manchester in 1694*, p. lxiv.

said sone Edward aft⁹ hir deithe Also I geve &c. to my sone Thoms Tildesley all my chapell stuf at Wordley a goblit of silv⁹ wth a cov⁹ about wth scripture for ane heire lome one dosin of new spones all my formes bord^c coffars bed stockes and also such pte of my bedding and y^e residue of my said implemēt^c of houshold stuf remenyng at Wordly And it is my will y^t my said sone Thoms aft⁹ his death leve such good^c or y^e value y^of as he shall hauen to have by force of this my will to him y^t shall be his heire and so to remene from heres to heres so long as it shall please God and y^t my heire shalbe of habilitie and power to leave such good^c in forme abovesaid And further I geve &c. to my said sone Thoms all my intrest I have in y^e shepe heys of Pilkington and all y^e tithe of Tildisley aft⁹ my wif^c death or aft⁹ y^t she shall not dwell at Wordley and so long as she dwellith at Wordley I geve &c. to her my titill I have in y^e same tithe of Tildisley and I will y^t my svunte Wifm Worsley shall have of thissues and pfitt^c of my farme of Bolton yerely duryng his lif xl^s if myne intrest indure solong I bequeth to y^e said Wifm Worsley y^t he shall have y^e tenemēt in Swinton called Barnes tenemēt and also y^e tenemēt in Hawghton y^t W^m Orphar dwellith in imediately aftar y^e decease of y^e said Wifm Orphar paying to me and my heires y^e old accostomed rent and to me and my heires for y^e fyne of y^e said Wifm Orphar's tenement xl^s and to y^e execut^r of y^e said Wifm Orphar liij^s iiij^d in iij yeres for a new house y^t y^e said Wifm did buyld y⁹pon I will y^t y^e said Wifm Worsley shall have both y^e said tenemēt for terme of his lif he doyng such sarvice as other tēnts do and aft⁹ his death I will y^t his wif shall have y^e said ij tenemēt during hir lif and so long as she kepit hir widow and is of onest cōvsation of hir bodie and I will y^t my svnt Myles Seddon shall have yerely duryng his lif off thissues and pfitts of my said farmes of Meyrescoghe Sauarbie Gosenarghe and Pulton xxvj^s viij^d besid^c such yerely pfitt^c as he y^e said Myles shall receive by force of a lease to hym made by my

cosin Andrew Barton and me of y^e tithe of Litill Leyver in Bolton
 pishe w^{ch} I thinke is clerely and yerely worth to him xl^s and I will
 y^t Thōms Gelibrond have yerely duryng his lif of thissues of my
 farme of Mayrescogh &c. xxvj^s viij^d for such 3vice as he hath done to
 me, and the said Thōms shuld have had more yerely tynn [?] but y^t
 I thinke y^t he had more yerely psite elsewhere and ptly by me and
 for my sake Also I will y^t xx^{li} be taken by my execut^re of the issues
 &c. of my farmes of Myrescogh &c. to be distributed among oth⁹
 my 3v^{nts} not havyng noñ oth⁹ thing by force of this will and he y^t
 hath desvid most to have most by y^r discrecions Also I will y^t
 Willm Walton and Rondull Bordman shall have such 3viciis officis
 and romes as y^e have usid to have of me y^e doyng y^r duties and sar-
 vicis as y^e used to do for me and as I trust y^e will do for me Also I
 bequeth to evy of my execut^re and supvisors liij^s iiiij^d and my
 desire is y^t y⁹ shalbe no discord among my executors about my
 gude^r but y^t y^e will conferme them to quietnes and to be ordred by
 y^e supvisors if such contravarsie shuld so happen for I wold rath⁹
 wishe y^t my gude^r were brent and consumyde wth fire or any such
 contravcie shuld continue among^r them aboute my gude^r or about
 y^e playne understanding of this my will and forsomuch as cvj^{li}
 xvij^s iiiij^d was behind and unpayd unto Ri^c Breerton my sone in
 law y^e daye of y^e deathe of my soninlaw ov^r and beside^r xx^{li} to be
 payd unto hym duryng his father's lif I will y^t xx^{li} yerely shall [be]
 levied of my said farmes of Myrescoghe &c. untill cc m⁹ks shall [be]
 levied unto Dorithie dought^r of me y^e said Thurstane¹ Parre shall
 my lif tyme do not marie y^e said Dorathie w^{ch} Ri^c Breerton died y^e
 xxij^s daye of August last past Also I will y^t my cosin Thurstan Parre
 shall have yerely during his lif xx^s also I will y^t my cosin George
 Tildisley theld^r shall have yerely duryng his lif xx^s Also I bequeth
 y^t [? to] my cosen Ro^bt Worslei y^e young² y^e some of x m⁹ks and
 notwithstanding y^t my sone in lawe S^r Ro^bt Worsle knight is m⁹ried .

¹ This incomplete sentence is copied verbatim from the Bishop's Register.

to M⁹gerit Bethum his wif yet levynge yet I remyt and p⁹don to him
vij^{li} x⁸ apon condicion y^t he geve yerly unto my dought⁹ Alis his
wif v^{li} or more for hir exhibicion duryng hir absens from him or
apon condicion y^t he take his said wif into his company and in-
treat hir as he ought to do And furth⁹ in dischardg of my cōscience
I will y^t my execut^re shall take [from] thissues of my said farmes
of Meyrescogh &c. y^e some of xxij^{li} and y^e same to [be] bestowed
apon hieghewayes and oth⁹ ded^re of charitie for y^e soule of John
Garnet deceased of whose gude I have as much as y^e same doth
amount unto and more Also I bequeath toward^re y^e byulding of y^e
church of Eccles if it be not bylt in my lif and a rode seller made
y^e some of ten m⁹ks And whereas my son in law Rauf Standishe
esquire deceasid I do think y^t by y^e lawes of y^e realme y^t my
dought⁹ Marie who he exposid [espoused] ought to be myñyst^r of
his gude and forsomuch as c^tene of his plate remenyg in y^e custo-
die of my cosin Edward Standish his broth⁹ amoüting to y^e value
of xx m⁹ks and y^e timbr^r and brike at Standishe belonging to hir
yet my desire is y^t she shall not cleym any pte y^r of and furth⁹ I
will y^t he shall have y^e gilt goblet wth y^e cov^r and forsomuch as I
do verily thinke y^t y^r was nev^r carnall knoledge betwene y^e said
Rauf and my said doughter Marie as well by y^r tend^r yeres and y^t
y^e nev^r laye togeth⁹ and y^t I do think y^t y^e said Edward and she
myght be lawfully m⁹yed togeth⁹ by y^e lawes of God wherein I
have askid coūsill gret lernid men who thinke y^e same y^rfore I
geve my gudwill of y^e said m⁹yage if y^e said Edward and Marie
can be agreeable to y^e same when he and hir be of thage of xix
yeres or xxth ould for I wold rath⁹ wishe y^t she shuld be married
to him y^{en} to any oth⁹ Also I bequeath to my son in law Ri^c Massie
esquire a gilt goblit wthout a cov^r Also I bequeath to George Ent-
wisill who hath m⁹yed my wif^r dought⁹ my litill goblit of silv^r Also
I will y^t my execut^re [receive] y^e residue of y^e pfitte of my said
farme of Pulton and pay y^e said clere yerely value to Hugh

Tildisley George T. Gilbart T. Thom̄s T. and James T. sones unto my sone Thom̄s T. for vij yeres after my decease and equally devid y^e same amongst them I geve &c. to my said son Thom̄s T. and to my cosen Thurstan T. his sone my whole interest in my said farme of Pulton and I will y^t my broth⁹ Sr Rīc T. shall have yerely aft⁹ my decese an anuytie of iiiij m⁹k⁹ duryng his lif of y^e issues and pfit⁹ of my said farmes of Merescoghe &c. in recōpence of his anuytie or lands geven to him for terme of his lif for y^e said Sr Rīc was a muncke at y^e Charl house at Shine And where I have made an estate of land^e unto Jane now my wif of my cheif place of Wordley wth all my demene except y^e Foxholes and the teñnte of Gilis Moreton and [a] 2tene anuyttie of xxix^s goyng fourth of my said land^e unto Jane now my said wif w^{ch} anuytie wth my chefe house w^t all my demene land^e was of old rent but xij^{li} and now it is worth xxvi^{li} and because I wold y^e said Jane buried wth me where I die if she ov⁹ live me y⁹fore I made cheif house wth as much of my demene land^e as I can to hir for terme of hir lif wthout impechment of wast and if she kepe house at Wordley aft⁹ my deith yen it is my mind y^t as many of Thom̄s Tildisleyes children as be under y^e age of xij yeres old y^t my said wif shall bord them for xxvj^s viij^d apece and himself and his wif for v m⁹k⁹ apece and as many of his servit⁹ as he will have for xl^s apece and when any of his children shalbe of thage of xij yeres then to paie xl^s apece alwayes pvided y^t ye said Jane my wif shall have y^e libertie to chuse whether she will bord them or any of them y⁹ or no and if so be y^t y^e said Jane bord them then it is my mynd and desire y^t y^e said Thom̄s T. shall set y^e said Foxholes and y^e tenemēt of Giles for xxix^s in y^e yere And where I have made an astate of land^e to Edward T. my son of y^e teñnte of Rīc Dañeport James Money and Adam Mather about y^e value of x m⁹k⁹ it is my will y^t y^e said Edward shall take y^e rents y⁹of and suffer thē to do such 2vice unto y^e said Thom̄s Tildesley as y^e have byn

accustomyd to do to me and y^t he shall not put them furth of y^r holding^r Also it is my will y^t Wlthm Shak⁹ley shall have an aⁿuyte of foure m⁹k⁹ by me heretofore geven to him for terme of his lif Also it is my will y^t my said son Tho^ms T. and his heres shall have all y^e residue of all my land^r tenemēts rent^r revsions and 3vices beyng of myn inheritaunce &c. according to my old evy-denc^r for ev⁹ And where I have byn a grait mediller of a long space y^t is to saie by y^e space of xxxj yeres and more under my lord and m^r Edward erle of Derbie my lord his fath⁹ and my ladie his moth⁹ whose soules God pdon and bene ¹received [sic] of y⁹ land^r for y^e most pte by y^e same space wherfore in declaracion of y^e truth I take it apon my death and consciens and as I will answere before God y^t wittynghly in all y^t space y⁹ is nothing comen unto my hand^r or possessōn of y⁹ land^r rent^r fynes or engresions reward^r or oth⁹ thing^r but such as I have truly paid for and put in my bok^r of accompte wthoute fraude or coven and wthoute corrupt consciens or advantage to my self to my knoledge I geve &c. unto my sone Edward T. my whole interest &c. in Myrescoghe Soulbie Goseflghe Pulton my farmes of ye tithe of Fesshewicke wth y^e keping [of] Myrescoghe and Blesedale and y^e offis of M^r forest of Amounderns and fees belonging to evy oñ of thē during all my terme and interest in thē Also it is my will y^t my said sunes Thomas T. and Edward T. shall not take any irection and fynes &c. but only y^r rent of my teñnt^r in Tildesley Asley and Wordley but suffer thē to inioye y^r fermehould^r duryng y^r lifes doyng such 3vices as y^e have usid to do to me and also it is my will y^t my said son Thom^ms shall not take any irection &c. of any of my teñnt^r in Swinton Haughton Westwood^r and Westlak^r M⁹land Salforth Lever Bolton Kellermough but suffer them to inioye y^r said farmes hold^r duryng y^r lives And I make my welbelovid wif Jane T. and my son Edward T. myn executors and harteley beseeche y^e righte honerable Edward erle of Darbie S^r

¹ Receiver.

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Wifm Paget lord Paget S: Wifm Longley pson [of] Pstwch S: Rič Johns pson of Waryngton S: Edmond Molineux knight S: Rič Garrard pson of Bangor and Laurence Asshall to be supervisors and I desire my welbeloved 3vañts W: Warton Mylis Seddon Rondull a Bordman and my welbelovid frend Thoms Gillibrond shall instruck my said execut: in my book: of rekenyng: and in all oth: thing: yt maye touch y: true execuciō of my will Also I bequeth to Jane Massie xl: and to Anne Massie xijli vj: viijd and to M: geret Tildisley xli toward: y: mariage And forsomuch as I dout S: Peres Ligh knight will move myne execut: to make him assigmēt or lease of my farme of Winwicke I will y: y: shall nev: mak to him any assigmēt or lease of my said farm but kepe it to thē selves according to y: will of Gouth: Leghe esquire Also it is my will y: if my son Thoms T. truble my said wif but [do not] suff: hir peassablie to injoye y: land: y: I have geven to hir y: thē y: said Thomas T. shall forfayt all my lands y: I purchased and suff: Thurstan T. my cosin to ent: apon y: same so y: y: said Thurstan mak non astate of y: said Thoms T. but will hould y: said land: for his owne use and if he y: said Thurstan make any astate or suffer y: said Thoms T. to have y: said land: I will y: y: said Edward Tildisley shall have y: said land: to him and to his heires for ev: And where I have geven &c. heretofore in this my present unto my dough: Dorathie Breerton cc m: ks it is my will furth: y: my said dough: Dorathie shall have yerely aft: y: decesse of Jane my wif viijli unto such tyme as y: said Dorithie have some livyng of greter yerely value In witnes thereof &c. Witneses S: John Atherton knight Robert Worsley Laurence Asshawe Georg Tyl-disley Thurstan Parre Thoms Bryddocke w: others M: that y: xxijij day of June in y: sixte yere of y: reigne of our sovaigne lord Edward the sixte Thurstan Tildesley esquire acknowledgith this to be his true testamēt and last will before these witneses here after followyng S: John Atherton knight Robart Worsley Laurence

Asshawe Georg Tyldisley Thurstan Parre Thoms Bryddocke wth others.

A trwe inventorie of all the goodes &c. at Wordley latelie app-
teyng to Thurstan Tyldisley esquier made the iij daie of Julie
anno Marie regine p^rmo and praysed by Edmunde Slade Charles
Hooke Robert Edge and Wifm Richardson ffirste in drawghte
oxen xv le p^rce le yocke iij^{li} — xxiiij^{li} — one bull xij^s iiiij^d — in
kyne xvij p^rce le cowe xvij^s xij^{li} xij^s In kepinge 'sheepe C^{xx}v le
sheepe xvij^d xij^{li} vj^s viij^d — in fatte sheepe xxx le sheepe ij^s iiiij^d — iiij^{li}
xx^d In lambes ijxij le lambe xij^d iij^{li} xij^s In tithe lambes ijij
le lambe xij^d iij^{li} ij^s In workhorses xj le horse xij^s iiiij^d vj^{li} vj^s viij^d
In calffes xvij le calf iij^s iiiij^d lvj^s viij^d One rydinge geldinge called
Stoweser liij^s iiiij^d — ij rydinge mares iij^{li} — xvj hogge v^s iij^{li} — xij
sowes xlviij^s — viij boers xxxvj^s viij^d In speninge xij xij^s In wull
xlvj stoone v^s xj^{li} x^s Beddinge In fether beddis xxj le peece xij^s x^d
xiiij^{li} xj^s In mattressis xij le peece v^s vj^d ob iij^{li} xvij^s viij^d In bol-
sterris xl le peece iij^s iiiij^d vj^{li} xij^s iiiij^d In pillowes covēd with fus-
tian xvj le peece xx^d xxvj^s viij^d In other pillowes xxv le peece ix^d
xvij^s ix^d In fustian blanckett^q iij le peece v^s x^d xxiiij^s iiiij^d In wollen
blanckett^q lxxij le peece xx^d vj^{li} In fledge blanckett^q ix le peece xij^d
ix^s In quilt^q iij le peece ijs x^d viij^s vj^d In cov^llett^q lvij le peece iiijs
iiiij^d ob xij^{li} xiiij^s ij^d ob In counterpent^q for bedde of tapstree worke
v le peece xvij^s iiiij^d iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d In covyng^q of reede seye and
greene iij le peece iiijs ij^d xvj^s viij^d — viij cases of canves fylled wth
straw le peece xij^d viij^s In the litle chamber one seller and tester
of reede and greene seye wth curtens of the same xij^s iiiij^d Soo-
muche greene seye as dooth hange the same chamber xij^s iiiij^d One standinge
bedde and a trowkle bedde xxvj^s viij^d — one cup-
borde wth a covyng^q of greene sey xij^d — a seller and tester of reede
and greene seye wth curtens of the same in the grete chamber xx^s
a hoole hanginge in the same chamber of reede and greene seye

lijs iiij^d — a standinge bedde wth a trowkle bed in the same chamber xxvj^s viij^d — one cuppebord covered wth blwe xij^d — a seller and tester of reede and greene sey in the chamber o^v the hall wth curtens of the same xv^s — a hoole hanginge of reede and greene sey wth in the same chamber xl^s — a standinge bedde and a trowkle bedde in the same chamber xx^s — a rounde cupborde wth a covynge tapstre work and a folden bord in the same chamber xij^s — one seller and tester in the chamber o^v the deyhows^e of reede and greene sey wth curtens of the same x^s — hanginge for the same chamber of reed sey xij^s iiij^d — a standinge bedde wth a trowkle bedde xx^s — a cuppebord wth a covynge of seye vj^d — a seller and tester of reede and greene sey in the wright^e chamber wth curtens of the same vj^s viij^d — one seller and tester painted work in the same chamber wth hanginge for the chamber of the same v^s — a cuppebord wth a covynge tapstre worke in the same chamber iiij^d — a carven chiste for sheet^e in the same chamber x^s — ij paire of beddestock^e in the same chamber v^s — a seller and tester painted worke in the corner chamber wth curtens reede and greene sey iiij^s — hanginge for the same chamber painted work iiij^s iiij^d — a standinge bedde and a trowkle bedde v^s — one cuppebord iiij^d — in the chamber o^v the buttrie one seller and tester of painted work wth curtens reede and greene sey iiij^s iiij^d — a hoole hanginge for the same chamber of reede and greene seye x^s — ij pair of beddestock^e in the same chamber ij^s — a cupbord wth a covynge tapstre worke iiij^d — a seller and tester in the olde chamber of painted worke wth curtens of lynnyn cloothe iiij^s — ij chist^e bounden wth yrne in the same chamber xv^s ij paire of beedestock^e in the same chamber ij^s — a seller and tester of dorneck in the chapell chamber wth curtens of the same iiij^s iiij^d — hanginge for the same chamber of reede and greene sey xij^s iiij^d — ij paire of bedde stocks in the same chamber ij^s — a cuppebord wth a coveringe tapstree work xij^d — in the under pler a seller and tester reed and greene seye wth

curtens of the same xvjs — pcell of the same chamber hanged wth painted clothes xx^d — ij paire of beddestock^c in the same chamber iiijs — a large chist bounden wth yrne in the same chamber vs — a cupbord in the same chamber ij^d — the carvers chamber ij sellers wth testers painted worke ij^s — in the same chamber iiiij paire of bedstocks iiijs — one cuppebord wth a covinge tapstre work iiijd — in the inf^l carvers chamber one seller wth ij testers painted work xij^d — in the same chamber iij pair of bedstock^c ijs — in the yate howse chamber one seller and tester painted worke xx^d — in the same chamber ij pair of bedstocks ij^s — in the Charlis chamber one seller and tester of greene sey wth curtens blwe and reede iij^s viij^d — in the same chamber ij pair of beddestocks ij^s — in the meydins chamber one paire of beddestock^c and a tester lynnyn cloothe xvij^d — in George Tyldisleys chamber a seller painted work and a pair of beddestock^c xvij^d — in the garf^l chamber ij sellers and testers painted ij^s — in the same chamber ij paire of beddestock^c ij^s — in the chamber in the stable ende one seller and tester painted work viij^d — in the same chamber one pair of beddestock^c xij^d — in the chamber o^v the stable ij paire of bedstock^c ij^s — in the cookes chamber and the brwers ij pair of beddestock^c ij^s — xiiij quissions vs The 3vant^c laborers beddinge vj covlette le preece ij^s xij^s — in blanckett^c vj le preece xij^d vj^s — one bolsterre xij^d viij shetis vj^s viij^d Thing^c in the buttrie and pantrie xvj barells x^d xiijs iiijd — ij hogyshedd^c ijs — xxiiij brasse chandillers le preece xij^d xxiijs — vj drinckinge cannes of wod xij^d — ij lycqre pottes of stoone xvij^d — ij smale stoone pott^c iiijd — one candilstick^e at the goinge uppe into the chamber o^v the hall and another at the kichyn doore viij^d — one basson and ewer ijs — one voyder xx^d — one pantrie knyve ij^d — three doosen of trenchers of wod iijs — ij pewter basson xvjd — Plate one goblet wth a cov^l apointed for an heyreloome xix ounces and D at iiijs viij^d iiijd xj^s — one other litle white goblet wthoute a cover viij ounces at iiijs viij^d xxxvij^s iiijd — one standinge cuppe

wthhoute a cov⁹ xiiij ounces at iiij^s viij^d iiij^{li} v^s iiij^d — ij gilte goblett^q wth a cov⁹ lvijj ounces at v^s xiiij^{li} x^s — one gilte salte wth a cov⁹ xij ounces and a D at v^s iiij^{li} ij^s vj^d — one other white salte wthoute a cov⁹ ix ounces at iiij^s viij^d xlji^s — one other new square salte gilte wth a cov⁹ xv ounces and D at v^s iiij^{li} xvij^s vj^d — one drinckinge stoone potte wth a cov⁹ of sylver gilte and garnished xx^s — xij sylver spones wth the image of God apon one of them and the image of xij apostells apon the others xxiiij ounces at iiij^s viij^d vli xij^s — xij other spones xxij ounces and D at vj^s vjli xv^s — xij other spones xv ounces at iiij^s viij^d iiij^{li} x^s — one white peece viij ounces and D at iiij^s viij^d xxxix^s viij^d Thing^q in the hall and the pler a hanginge ov⁹ the benche in the hall of reede and greene sey wth a covynge of reede sey for the benche vj^s A brasen candilstick^e wth three light^q in the hall ij^s — a candill chiste iijs — ij longe syttebordes one shordebord and iij formes ij^s viij^d — in the pler ij carpet^q tapstree work viij^s viij^d — a curten in the pler wyndowe of reede and greene seye ij^s — ij cuppeberd covynge whereof the one tapstre worke and the other reede and greene seye vj^s — one longe bord one cuppebord one folden bord and iij formes ix^s — xij cheris iiij^s Thing^q in the kechyn and the larder vij brasse potte vj^s viij^d xlvj^s viij^d — one caldroone of brasse xij^s iiij^d — ij smale pannys ij^s viij^d — ij chafinge dishis ij^s — a morter and a pestell v^s — one chawser [or chawfer] for water ij^s — ij frienge pannes xx^d; v spitt^q x^s — ij pair of yrne galberts v^s — one brendirne vj^s viij^d — ij cressett^q and ij grydirnes iiij^s — iiij paire of tong^q and ij breede graters xx^d — ij yrnes for the oven mouthe and a firefork ix^d — a dressinge knyfe ij backinge knyves ij mynsinge knyves and three other smale knyves xij^d — one skymm⁹ one brasyn ladill one fleshe axe and one fleshook xvjd — xix broode pewter dishis xxv^s iiij^d — xvij narroo dishis xij^s — xij soosers and vj potingers vij^s — iij saltinge tubbe ij leed^q ij stonnd^q one water tubbe and one almere xxxj^s viij^d Thing^q in the brwehowse and backhowse one greete ark xij^s iiij^d — one lesser

ark and one botinge arck vijs — ij hodgyshedd^c for verg^c ij^s — one stoone morter and a pair of mustard stones xij^d — ij decions and a modinge bord xv^d — vij salte tubbis ij^s iiiij^d — one masshinge keyre v^s — one guylinge keyre v^s — one colebathe ij^s iiiij^d — one grete leede xij^s iiiij^d — iiiij grete stonnd^c and ij essions v^s iiiij^d — Thing^c in the stoorehowse ij leades for soope vj^s viij^d — xvj yardes of white kerssey xxj^s iiiij^d — Thing^c in the deyhowse and wasshing howse ij greete pannes of brasse xl^s — one lesser panne and a prigge panne ij^s x^d — ij brendrethis ij^s — v milke trowghs and v essions xx^d — ij milke pales and sex pigan^c v^d — one charne one turnell and one stand xvj^d — iiiij chessevat^c and vj mugg^c x^d — a gredle to bake apon and a spitle xiiij^d — ij keyris and one stonnd ij^s ij^d — one maslen panne xij^d — Thing^c in my marstris closet xlj^s broade dishis iiij^{li} iiijs — xxx naroo dishis xl^s — xix soosers iiijs vij^d — vj potingers ij^s — xij plates ij^s — one quarte potte and ij candilstick^c of pewter xij^d — one chiste bounden wth yrne ij^s viij^d — one bassen and ewer ij^s iiiij^d — Thing^c in the chapell — one chalishe wth a patente xx^s — one vestement one albe and one ames vj^s viij^d — one massebooke and one manuell ij^s — ij bellis one cruet one table ij al^t clothes ij curtens for the end of the alters one clocke xxxvj^s viij^d — too wax candilstick^c ij^s — Naperie and shet^c ij diaper bordclothes xx^s — x flaxen bordclothes xxxvj^s viij^d — xv rounde bordclothes xx^s — xxiiij diaper napkins xxiiij^s — xxxvij flaxen napkyns xix^s — sex large cuppebord clothes fringed x^s — iiiij naroo cuppebord clothes iiijs — iij diap towells x^s — ix flaxen towells ix^s — iij armige [?] towells v^s — xix paire of broode flaxen shet^c xv^{li} — xlj paire of naro flaxen shet^c xiij^{li} — xxxv pair of canves shet^c lv^s — xxxv pillowwe coveringe xxxv^s — Thing^c in the kylne and the garfl ij wyndooshet^c ij^s — xij sack^c vj^s — one heare ij^s — one hulpe ij^d — sex siff^c vj^d — Implement^c for husbandrye ij corne weins ij mucke weins ij torve weins xj^s iiiij^d — sex paire of whelis whereof ij pair shodde xxix^s iiiij^d — vj harowes x^s — sex

plowes wth foure paire of yrnes viij^s iiiij^d — viij yrne teemis viij^s — iij pair of clevis xvij^d — viij yook^e iiij^s — ij muckecarts iiiij^s — one cloose carte vj^s viij^d — viij pair of treys iiiij^s — vj coolers iijs^s — viij packe saddill^e vijs^s — iiiij marle pick^e ij^s — one mattack xij^d — one ax viij^d — v spad^e and shoes ij^s — iij yrne fork^e ij^s — iiiij nogers viij^d — one crowe of yrne xvij^d — iij sithis iijs^s — viij hook^e and sicklis ij^s — iiiij torve spad^e xvij^d — iij saighis iijs^s iiiij^d — iiiij trunck^e ij^s — ij weyne ropis ij^s — ij tent^e xx^s — Hydes and fellir unpaid for in the custodie of Xpōfer Mather vj oxe hydes xxxvj^s — ij kyne hydes x^s — xluij sheepehyd^e vijs^s viij^d — ix calf skynnes iijs^s Cornes unthresson at Wordley and Pilkington in the workehowse xl mette barlie xxx^s — in the whete berne l mette barlie xlj^s viij^d — in the same berne iiiij hulpis rie iijs^s — in the ote berne xx siff^e ot^e iijs^s viij^d — at Pilkington l hulpe barlie xlj^s viij^d Cornes growinge at Wordley and Pilkington at the saides place xxxvij acres ot^e xxiiij^{li} xiijs^s iiiij^d — viij acres barlie viij^{li} — iij acres whete at Wordley iijs^s — one acre and D rye at Pilkington xxx^s — Frenche whete iij roode land x^s — Dett^e wth were owinge to Thurstan Tyldisley esquier W^m Singleton for cornes growinge in hervest anno¹ quarto r. r^e E^{vi} vijs^s viij^d — Thurstan Tyldisley of Radcliff xj^{li} ij^s vj^d — S^r John Atherton xvij^{li} xiijs^s iiiij^d — George Kirkbie iiijs^s — weste in Pilkington l^s — weste in Myrescoghe xj^{li} — Master Hollande of Clifton v^{li} — George Halghe x^{li} — owinge for weste in Wordley xix^s iiiij^d — owinge by my lorde of Derbye C^{iiij}xix^{li} ix^d — Sir Thomas Standley knight xiijs^s — my Lorde for portage paide to the receyver of Lancashir for ij yeris iiijs^s — behynde for rente due at mydsom⁹ last besyd^e anuytes grauntede by the saide Thurstan T. to Thomas T. Edward T. and W^m Shakerley xx^{li} xvij^s ij^d ob — behynd for turbarie in Wordley and Tyldisley xxvij^s v^d ob — Dett^e owinge by Thurstan T. esquier first to Elizabethe Leighe in thaccomplishment of the will of Gowther Leighe deceased xx^{li} — to

¹ 4 Edward VI.

Thomas Leyland esquier as aperethe by three severall obligacōns
 Clī — to Katheren Monne as apereth by the dette booke of the saide
 Thurstan xvijli xijjs iiijd — to John Traves for blanckē xxijli xijjs iiijd
 — to George Traves ut sup̄ xxli xjxs — to George Pendilton ut sup̄
 vjli x̄s — to Nicholas Shawcrosse ut sup̄ viijli iiijd — to George Kirk-
 bie xxvj̄s viijd — to my Lorde w̄ch hathe beene rec̄d for the creacion
 of his yerldome for ij yeeris $\frac{1}{12}$ li — for rente of Burscoghe behynd
 xxjli vjs viijd — to my lord w̄ch the saide Thurstan geve hym by
 a bill of his handē xvijli vjs viijd.

A true inventorie of all the goodes and cattells remeyninge at
 Myrescoghe and latelie pteyninge to Thurstan Tyldisley esquier
 made the iiijth of Julie anno Marie Regine primo &c.

In draughte oxen x le peece xxxvij̄s xixli — ij bulles xvij̄s xxxvj̄s
 — xvij kyne xvij̄s xvijli ij̄s — in stalfedde oxen xlvj̄s viijd iiijli xijjs iiijd
 — oxen putte to feede at Sancte Elyn daie xijj xxxs xixli x̄s — kyne
 putte to feede at the same tyme xj xx̄s xjli — iiij milke heyfers xvjs
 iiijli iiij̄s — too oxe thrynters xx̄s xl̄s — viij twynters xijjs iiijd vli vjs
 viijd — xxiiij stirks vjs viijd viijli — v steers xxxs vjli x̄s — xxj calfē
 iiijli x̄s — ij workehorses iijs iiijd vjs viijd — one rydinge geldinge
 called Worsley lijs iiijd — one feele of iij yers age xx̄s — one feelie ij
 yers age xij̄s — one yerninge xij̄s iiijd — one other yerninge and one
 nagge xxxiijs iiijd — Beddinge in fetherbeddē x xv̄s vjd vijli xvij̄s —
 in matressis vij vjs xljs — in bolsterrē xjx iijs lvij̄s — in pillowes xiiij
 xv̄d xvij̄s vjd — in blanckettē xxxix ij̄s iiijd iiijli xj̄s — covllettē xxxj
 iijs iiijd vli iijs iiijd — one counterpointe tapstre work vjs viijd — ij
 covyngē reede seye vjs — one coveringe greene sey iijs iiijd — in the
 chamber beyond the chapell chamb̄ one seller w̄th a tester painted
 worke w̄th curtens lynnyn cloothe iijs — in the same chamber one
 cuppebord w̄th a covinge blue cloothe ij̄d — in the same chamber ij
 paire of beddestockē ij̄s — in the chapell chamber one seller and
 tester ȳe seller blue and greene sey and the tester painted work xijd

— hangings for the same chamber painted work xij^d — a cuppebord in the same chamber wth a covinge tapstre work iiij^d — ij paire of beddestock^c in the same chamber ij^s — in the greete chamber ov^v the halle one seller wth a tester and curtens for the same of reede and grene sey vj^s viij^d — hanging^c for the same chamber of reede and grene cloothe ij^s viij^d — a cuppebord wth a covynge reede sey in the same chamber iiij^d — one chiste in my M^r his clooset ij^s viij^d — ij pair of beddestock^c in the same chamb^r iiij^s — in the entrie at the goinge into the greete chamb^r ij greete chist^c x^s — there remeyneth in the garn^l ij newe standinge bedde^c ij trowkle bedde^c carved xl^s — in the chamber ov^v the kechyn one seller painted work and one cupbord^e viij^d — in the same chamber ij paire of beddestock^c xx^d — in the same chamber ov^v the larder one seller and tester wth curtens of dorneck vj^d — one cuppebord wth ij pair of beddestock^c in the same chamber xvij^d — in the forther chamber in the garden one pair of beddestock^c xij^d — in the nerer chamber in the garden iiij pair of beddestock^c iiij^s — in the chamber called M^r Rigmeydens chamber ij pair of beddestock^c ij^s — in the workesvunt^c chamber jx paire of beddestock^c vj^s — in the chamber ov^v the brwelhowse ij paire of bedstock^c xvij^d — iiij quissions iiij^s — viij cheris ij^s viij^d — one longe bord in the chamber ov^v the hall x^d — Thing^c in the hall hanging^c for the hall painted work v^s iiij^d — one longe sytteborde one cuppebord and one forme ij^s — Thing^c in the pler hanging^c for the pler painted work xij^s iiij^d — one carpette ij^s iiij^d — one longe bord one cuppebord and one forme ij^s — one coveringe for the same cupbord grene cloothe ij^d — Thing^c in my maistris closet xx broode platers xxx^s — xij disshis of a lesser sorte xij^s — in naroo disshis vj iiij^s — in broode dishis graven iiij iiij^s viij^d — in naroo dishis graven xij x^s — in soosers graven xij iiij^s — iiij other soosers xx^d — iiij potingers ij^s — Thing^c in the chapell a chalishe wth a patente xx^s — one vestement ij^s iiij^d — one albe xx^d — one ames and one stooale iiij^d — one massebooke vj^d — ij tapers and ij torchis ptelie brent one saincte Johns hedde

xvjd — one altercloothe iiijd — one brasen bucket a pax a cruet a grete
 bell and a lesser bell and one gyrdle ij^s viijd — Plate jx olde sylver
 spones ij^s viijd xxj^s — Thing^e in the buttrie xij alestonndes x^d x^s —
 ij barell^e for beere viijd iiij^s — viij brasse candisick^e iiij^s — one
 basson and ewer xx^d — one voyder xvjd — one canne of wod j^d —
 one lyverie potte ij^d — one shavinge basson vjd — one glasse ij^d —
 Thing^e in the larder iiij saltinge tubbis x^s — ij barell^e for verg^e
 [verjuice] xijd — ij barells for salte xijd — Thing^e in the kechyn iiij
 brasse pottes iiijd xvjd — one caldroone vjs — one grete panne vjs —
 three prigge pannes ij^s — one chafynge dishe viijd — one morter wth
 a pestell iijs iiijd — one freynge panne vjd — one cresset xijd — one
 flesshooke ij^d — one paire of choppinge knyves iiijd — one spytte ij^d —
 on fleshe ax iiijd — ij pair of tong^e viijd — one brendyrne wth ij
 barres of yrne vjs viijd — one paire of galbyrnes iijs — one fyrefork ij^d —
 one ession ij^d — ij grydirnes viijd — iiij broade pewter dishis ij^s viijd
 — iiij naroo dishis xvjd — vij soosers xiijd — Thing^e in the brwhowse
 ij brwinge leed^e xx^s — too brwinge keyris x^s — one bootinge knappe
 iiijd — ij decions viijd — one ession and a collack iiijd — one candill
 ark viijd — one backstoone and one spetill vjd — Thing^e in the dey-
 howse ij brasse pannes viijd — one prigge panne iiijd — ij essions
 and iiij galand^e x^d — ij milke trowghis ij bassons iiij chessevat^e ij
 butter trowghis xijd — iiij piggins iiijd — one stonnd one charne and
 one saltinge ession xiijd — one brendrethe xijd — iiij buttr^r pott^e one
 piggan ij yerthen pott^e and one seighe vjd ob — Naperie and shet^e iiij
 paire of flaxen shet^e of ij breed^e x^s xl^s — xvij paire of flaxen shet^e
 iiiji x^s — xxvj paire of canvas shet^e iiiji jx^s iiijd — xvij pillowwe beers
 jx^s — iiij flaxen bordclothes vjs viijd — vij round bordclothes vjs —
 xxv bord napkins vjs viijd — ij flaxen towell^e iijs — ij large cupbord
 clothes fringed vijs — three other cuppeberde clothes flaxen iijs —
 one paire of lynnyn curtens ij^s iiijd — Implemēt^e for husbandrie ij
 corneweyns ij mucke weyns ij torvewenis one tumbrell cowpe xiijs
 — ij plowes and iiij paire of yrnes vjs viijd — vj teemys and ij pair of

clevis viij^s — vj yok^q and ij of yrne ij^s iiiij^d — ij paire of whelis
 xiiij^s iiiij^d — iiij harowes vj^s viij^d — ij sithis ij sicklis and one
 hooke ij^s — iiij spad^q and one shoole xij^d — one cuttinge ax ij
 noger^q and one chissell xvij^d — one hoomer and one paire of pynser^c
 iiiij^d — one torvespade ij^d — vj pair of tight^q and ij weneroop^q ij^s
 iiiij^d — ij packe saddill^q ij^s — ij yrne muckefork^q one muckehoke and
 ij pitche fork^q xvij^d — ij yrne wedge and one framing saye xx^d —
 Thing^q in the kylne and garf^q ij grete arck^q viij^s xxiiij^s — ij wyn-
 dooshet^q xij^d — xj seck^q vj^s viij^d — vj siffis vj^d one heare ij^s viij^d —
 Swyne vij hogge iiij^s xxvij^s — ij sowes viij^s — one boore iiij^s — xiiij
 spennige xvij^d xvij^s viij^d — Cornes of Myrescoghe and in other plac^c
 behynde Ribbill — in otes sawen at Mirescoghe xiiij acres xiiij^s iiiij^d
 ix^{li} vj^s viij^d — ij acres of barlie xx^s xl^s — ote unsold in Saverbie
 berne xxvj siff^q iiij^s v^{li} iiij^s — xij mette^q of barlie in the same berne
 xj^d xj^s — the cornes of Pulton solde and unsolde ~~xx~~^{li} ix^s viij^d — xix
 stoone of wull wthin the same pishe iiij^s viij^d iiij^{li} viij^s viij^d — the
 cornes of Fyshewicke viij^{li} ix^s iiiij^d — the cornes of Hale and Bethum
 viij^{li} iiiij^d — Behynde for the tithe cornes of Shinglehall late in the
 occupacion of Antonie Leyton lij^s vj^d — Behynd for wull and lambe
 in Gosenargh pishe xlviij^s j^d — the cornes of Little Eccleston doe
 amount to v^{li} xvij^s x^d — the cornes of Esbrecke doe amount to
 xj^{li} ix^s v^d.

[Signed] Wm Kenyon.

TESTAMENTUM GEORGII WIMISLEY IN LEGIBUS
BACC.¹

Pbatū corā Maſtro Johā Hanson &c. xxvj Februarii mccccclx^o
[1560-1.]

IN the name of the Father and of the Sone and of the Holye
Goste three psons and one God Amen The xxvth day off
Januariye in the yeare off owe Lord God secundum computacionem
Ecclesie Anglicane a thowsand fyve hundrethe and three score and
in the thryd yeare off the reygne off Queene Elyzabeth I George
Wymysley bachelor off the law being off good and pfect remēbrāce
(God be preyed) but sumwhat ponished wth his gentyl rodde off cor-
rection by sicknes qui dat intellectū that knowing the comon fawlt
off all mākynd quod cōstitutū est omnibus mori the day howre tyme
and place unto us most uncerneyne and therfore admonyshed by
owre Saviowr Christe vigilare and to be in a redines calling also to
remēbrance the message doñe by the pffet off God and browght to
good Kynge Ezechyas — Dispone domui tue quia morieris — being
a passenger in thys stormye and mutable world by the space off
eyght and ffyftye yeares at this pſent doe make my testamēt and last
wyll as hereafter ensuethe ffyrst and principal I comēnd and be-

¹ George Wymysley or Wilmslow or Savage, illegitimate son of George Savage, Rector of Davenham, was brother of John Wilmslow Archdeacon of Middlesex, and half brother of Bonner the Bishop of London. He was appointed Chancellor of Chester in the time of Henry VIII., and, though a priest, he married. During the reign of Edward VI. he conformed to the changes then introduced. In 1555 he condemned to the flames George Marsh the Martyr, a native of Dean. At the accession of Queen Elizabeth, by complying with the altered state of things, he retained his office of Chancellor and other emoluments, and dying in February 1560-1, finished his disreputable career avowing in his last will his adherence to the Church of Rome. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 527; Strype's *Mem.* vol. iii. part i. p. 173; *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. i. p. 23.

quethe my sowle to the handes off almightye God desyringe the blessed Virgin Marye mother off owr Lord Jesus Christ withe all the whole celestial compayne to prey ffor me that I may be one off the elect and chosen to heare that most blessed and joyfull voyse Venite benedicti patris mei throwghe the merites off Christes passion my Saviowr and Redemer And that I by the assistannce off Goddes grace do not hearafter and especiallye at the howre off my deathe do not swarve ffrom the unitye off the ffeythe off his katholike and apostolicall churche w^t now I doe beleve in my hert and p^tfesse w^t my mowthe by these p^tsente^t my bodye to be buried in christian buryall at the discretion off myne executrix w^t also the moderate charges off my ffunerall^t And that there showld no stryeff nor variance aryse betwixt my children or anye other ffor my goodes w^t to the world wold be slanderous that the were evyll gotten seing that hitherto I have to my power traded and brought up my childrē in virtue and learning to my great costes and charges and intend by Goddes grace so to doe during my lyffe wherewith the owright off righte to be cōtent and accept that ffor there portion off goodes althoughe I lefft none other thinges to theme as I trust I wyll ffor the ffatherlye love the showld beare unto me And under the peyne off ingratitude and the losse off those thinges wiche I shall hearafter bequeathe them whosoever off them is abowte to vexe moleste or troble myne executrix or otherwyse to alter or enfringe this my last wyll Therfore conserning my goodes I wyll bequeathe and leave all and singuler the same w^t dettes catalles howshold stuffe and all other that is myne at the tyme off my deathe saving soche as I wyll bequeathe heareaffter to my deare beloved wyffe Elleyn she to have and enjoy all this same during her naturall lyffe to the meyntenāse off her poore howse and ffynding off her comen childrē to learning as ffar fflowrthe as her power wyll extend and to the p^tfarmēt off her dowghter Jones mariage iff she be not holpē by me in my liffe tyme the remeāder off all suche goodes affter the decesse off my seyd wyffe

to suche owr comē childrē equalle to be devided amongst them w^{ch}
at that tyme are not pfferred to anye lyving or pmotion spirituall or
temporall saving alwayes that suche legacyes as I appoyn特 especiallye
hereafter shall come in no devision but the partyes whome I assigne
affter the desesse off my seyd wyffe to have there severall bequestes
and legasies w^{ch} are these To my eldest sone Thomas syxe off my best
sylver spoones and syxe other off the meaner sort wth a salt and cover
off sylver and a sylver pease ij ffether beddes ij matarasses or quilke
beddes wth the bolsters blankettes therto appteyning and my second
best covering w^t fflour peyre off sheetes two standing beddes w^t there
sylinges and the second best carpet ffor the table w^t all the hengginges
in the howse or chambers except those w^{ch} hereafter I wyll despose
sixe platters off the older sort and sixe off the newer sixe sawserrs the
best basson and ewer wth the best pott and the best panne three
broches and a peyr off cobbertes wth the leade in the fflournes and
suche iron bowne weynes as he shall ffynd at the howse affter his
mothers desease wth all the ffluell wood or tymber there then remey-
ning Also I bequethe to the seyd Thomas the tearme off the yeares
that I have in the Regestership off the Diores off Chester unexpired
w^t all my state and interest therin and the patent theroff grantyd to
me and my assignes by the late Reverēd ffather in God Jhon Bishopp
off Chester and confyrmed by the Deane and Chapter off the cathe-
drall churche off Chester as be the same hit wyll appeare whome I
make myne assigninnge ffor that office desyring also his mother ffor
because he is the eldest and shall keape howse at her deathe to
rememuber him w^t other howshold stuffe iff he be to her kynde and a
loving sunne Item I bequethe to my sunne George sixe other off my
best sylver spoones having the letter G grave upon them w^t my
stāding cuppe off sylver duble gylded w^t one ffetherbed matterasse
bolster blākettes and thrid best covering w^t ij pearle off flaxen sheetes
w^t the thrid best carpet The w^{ch} George I geave also and bequethe
one advowson that I have off the psonage off Warton in Ches-

shire and also the ffyrst advowson off the next vacation off the psonage off Westekyrkbye in Wyrrall ffor his pffermēt to be delyvered to the seyd George immediatlye aftter the deathe off his mother or beffore iff anye off theme chance to be vacāt and he so pfferred I onerate his cōsciens to deale yearlye vj^s viij^d to poore ffolkes to pray especiallye ffor my sole his mothers and all others that I was bowden to prey ffor Item I bequethe and geave to my darling and best beloved off all his brether as another Josephe my sone Edmond¹ a gylted spoone one ffetherbed and a quylt bed w^t bolster and blankett^c two peyre off the ffynest sheetes the best and largest covering w^t the best carpet ffor the table and my best table clothe off dyapur w^t a ryng off gold that was his uncles and godffatheres signet having these letters J V gravē in hit to prey ffor his soole and myne And ffurthermore not mistrusting but that my seyd sone Edmund wyll serve God endevour vertue and be a learned mā and off the spiritu-altye I have ordeyned and ppared ffor him ij advowsons w^{ch} I geave and bequethe unto hym that is the advowson off the psonage off Astburye being de claro a hundrethe m²k^c by the yeare and the advowson off the archedecōrye off Chester w^{ch} is ffyftye powndes by the yeare and Goddes blessing and myne that he lykewyse in whome God hathe powred his gyfftes abundātlye conversus aliquādo poterit aliquādo cōfirmare fratres suos w^{ch} being yongest sone oñe [sic] yet I leave him as a parēt to thē all and especiallye to his godson and cosin Jhon Savage that having these levinges he doe bring him up vertuousle and godlye and keape him to learning and to deale yearlye ffor my soole and his mothers and all others that I was bownde to prey ffor to the poore tenne shillinges To the w^{ch} Edmond and George I bequethe all my bookes off the law equalle to be devided betwixt thē saving that I wyll Edmond have the cowrse off Barthall hollye

¹ 1572, June 7. Edmund Wilmesley M.A., nominated Rector of Tattenhall by Ellen, widow of George Wilmesley, late Chancellor, by the resignation of Ralph Wilmesley.—*Chester Registry.*

to his owne pper use Also I desyer and intyerlye requier my seyd wyff to keape my base sone Thomas to scoole till he be a priest iff he wyll be ruled by her or els in discharge off my cōscience w^{ch} I am assured she wyll not suffer to be in danger iff he wyll depart ffrō her and be a prētise to geave him a ffetherbed w^t all thinges belonginge to a bedd and xij^{li} vj^s viij^d in monye to be levitt off all my goodes ffor I receaved x^{li} off his mother ffor his use desiring and requiring my welbeloved sone George Baker to take him to him or els to gett him a honest m^r and to see his litle stocke sett ffourthe and applied to his best use but he may reseave the samme affter his prētishe is expired to the w^{ch} George Baker I geave and bequethe my signet off gold having these letters G and W gravē to keepe the same ffor a remēbrance off me and to pray ffor my soole I bequethe to the seyd George also one double ducket off gold ffurthermore my wyll is that iff my base sone Thomas be or wyll be priest that then when the beniffyse off Tattnall is voyde whosoever hathe at that tyme my lease off the ffarne off the seyd psonage off Tattnall shall psent hym therto and iff in my wyffe tyme she keape hym to learning that he be preest and come to anye pfermet that then the legacye off xij^{li} vj^s viij^d beffore mēcioned to be voyde and he to have a gowne and other apparell w^t the bed beffore mencioned w^t one great sylver spoone and likewise iff I in my lyfe tyme doe sett fforthe the [said] Thomas w^t a stocke to the valew off xij^{li} vj^s viij^d then this legacye to be voyde saving his bedd and the sylver spoone Item I bequethe to my dawghter Jone a ffether bed matterasse and all other thinges therto belonging w^t two pearle off sheetes two sylver spoones w^t other thinges that I leave her mother to provyde ffor þfarmēt off her mariage iff she wyll be honestlye ruled and gyded by her Also I geave and bequethe to Jhon Astbroke and Mold his wyff and to ether off theme one old angell ffurthermore that my seyd wyff may the better pfforme these thinges beffore mencioned I geave wyll and bequethe to her all and singuler my estate tearme and interest that I

have in ffarmes off the psonage off Castelston and the vicariche theroff w^t all and synguler the revenewes issues and pfettes arising and coming theroff w^{ch} I let nowe to my brother Thomas he paying me therfore yearlye discharging all charges ix^{li} x^s de claro and all the munimētē and wrytinges to the same belonginge to have hold and enjoy the pmisses w^t the appurtnāses to her the seyd Elleyn induring the seyd interest or tearme off yeares iff she so longe doe lyve and iff she dye w^t in the seyd tearme or tearmes then I wyll the remāder off the tearme and tearmes off yeares unexpired off the ffarmes off the psonage and vicarage of Castilton w^t all my estate tytle and interest in the same to my eldest sone Thomas uppō condicione that he the seyd Thomas his executors and assignes do ffynd sufficlye his innocēt brother Jhon during his naturall lyffe w^t meate drinke and clothe and to cherishe him remēbring that he is his brother uppō my blessing and as he wyll avoyde the indignation off Almightye God and iff my sone Thomas refuse this to doe to his brother Jhon then I wyll this legacye to be voyde ffrom that tyme fforward and to revert and occurre to other off hys breethrē that wyll ffynd there brother Jhon as beffore is mentioned desyring all my chyldrē uppon Goddes behalff and my blessing to tender and not neglect there innocent brother ffurthermore I geave and bequethe to my seyd wyff Elleyn my interest tytel and tearme off yeares that I have by lease off and in the psonage off Tattnall w^t all the comodityes and pfettes arising and growing theroff discharging all charges yff she so longe doe lyve the remeander off the tearme and tearmes off yeares after her dissease w^t all my estate tytle and interest to the same together w^t the lease off the seyd ffarme to my eldest sone Thomas and his assignes ffurthermore where I have mayd annuetye off xx m⁹k⁶ yearlye granted to me and my assignes fforthe off the archdiacōrye off Chester by M^r Robert Persivall incūbent off the same during his naturall lyffe and incūbencye to be payd at towe usall tearmes off the yeares as by his wrtinges theroff cōflect hit may and wyll appeare

Item I geve wyll and bequethe the seyd annuety off xxth m⁹k⁶ after my decease to my fforseyd wyfē Elleyn to the meytenāſe off hyr seyd charges during her naturall lyffe whome I make and appoyn̄t my assigne off the reſeaving off the seyd annuetye at the tearmes therin appoynted and aftter her deſeasē the seyd annuetye off xxth m⁹k⁶ I wyll geave and bequethe to my ſonnes George and Edmond joyn̄tlye whome I make and appoyn̄t my assignes ffor that purpoſe to receave the pfecttes theroff iff the ſeyd George and Edmond be then lyving or not pmothed at that tyme to anye ſpirituall or temporall living off the ſume of xx^{li} and in caſe anye off them two other be dead or else pmothed as beffore is ſeyd then I wyll and bequethe his part ſo dead or pmothed to my ſone Thomas Savage other wyſe caſled Thomas Hope ffor becauſe he was borne there whome I appoyn̄t myne assigne ffor the cleame off the moytye off the ſeyd annewetye and iff hyt chance bothe George and Edmond to dye or els to be pmothed as beffore is menſioned during the ſeyd annewetye off xxth m⁹k⁶ dew to me and my assignes then I wyll bequethe and assigne the ſeyd annewetye off xxth m⁹k⁶ joyn̄tlye to be reſeaved by my ſeyd ſone Thomas Savage alias Hope and Jhon Savage my nephew ſone off my brother Jhon Savage late Archdeacon off Chester the wth Jhon I geave alſo and bequethe a ffetherbed wth all thinges therunto beſlonging to make it a cōplete bed ffinallye my mynd and wyll is that iff anye off my ſayde children be deade beffore he reſeave any lega-eyes to him by me bequethed then I wyll his part or portion to be devideſ amongeſt my other children equallye wth have at that tyme no pmothed or els to the pooreſ off them at the deſcretion mynd and pleasure off my moſt deareſt and worshipfull m^r and ffrend Sir Philipp Egerton knight ſaving and pvided alweys that iff my eldeſt ſone Thomas chance to dye beffore he reſeave and enjoye the [sic] off the regeſtershyp off the dioces off Chester or the ffarmes off the pſonage and vicorage off Caſtelton and off the pſonage off Tattnall then the ſeyd office and ffarmes I assigne and appoyn̄t by this my

last wyll and testament to his brother George yff he then be living to have and enjoy the same accordinglye to all intentes wth the cōdicion to fynd hys brothir Jhon as is beffore seyd and iff the seyd George be not then lyvinge then I bequethe the same to my sone Edmond and in deffault off hym to my sone Thomas [Savage] alias Hope and lastlye ffor lacke off them to Jhon Astbroke and Mode his wyffe wth all my state tytel and interest scriptes and wrytinges therunto belonging wth the condicion assigned to them all to fynd the poore innocent my sone Jhon Also I geave and bequethe to Thomas Hall iff he then be in my servyse at the tyme off my departyng xx^s and to everye off my servāt men and wemen xx^d a pece and to my cheffe servant that waytes upon me v^s over and besyde his quarters wages that he is entred in Item I geave and bequethe to my trustye ffrend M^r Doctor Wall my best jacket that I have at that tyme ffor a remembrance and to Syr Robert Damold psone off Handlaye one old angell and to Syr Richard Dod yff he serve the cure off Tattnall at the tyme off my departing vj^s viij^d and ffor the pfformance off this my last wyll and testament I constitute ordeyne and nominate my deare and welbeloved wyff Elleyn my sole and onelye executrix theroff to whome as by the lawes ffor manye and sondrye consideracions I remitt and disburden hyr ffor making anye invētorye off my goodes dettes and cattals also off making anye accownse theroff to the ordenarye not to the intent therbye anye psone shuld be defrawded and therffore iff I dye and be buried in anye plase wherby the ecclesiasticall lawes and statutes off this realme I am bownden to pey my mortuarye then I wyll ffor my seyd mortuarye to be payd x^s to whome hit is dew and I wyll to the seyd ordenarye that pvoes this my wyll x^s ffor becasue in my tyme I have gotten by lyke offyse my lyving also to the regester ffor the wryting and his feesse other x^s ffinallye I desyre my right worshipfull mayster and ffrend Syr Philipp Egerton knight whome in my lyffe tyme I have so moche loved and trusted off this my last wyll and testament to be the over-

seer and a patron and eyder to my wyffe that she susteyne no wronge
wth ffor the assured love that he lykewyse did beare to me I am ser-
teyne he wyll so doe and ffor becaswe that I never hard yet he
desceaved anye pson that did put his trust in him to whome ffor a
remēbrāce I lave a dowble ducket and one angelet to my good ladye
hys wyff ffurthermore I require all my fforseyd children as the are
bownden by Goddes cōmandmēt and naturallye to be kynd loving
obedient helping and eyding there mother as the wyll avoyde Goddes
displeasure and the infamy off the worlde and thus doing I leve and
bequethe them Goddes blessing and myne pease and quietnes and
increase off the world wth God off his mere goodnes doe cōffyrme to
whome be honowr and glorye world wthowte [end] Amen And ffor
the trewe acknoleging that this is my last wyll devised off me off my
owne volunt wthowte allewrmēt envegling or pturemēt off anye pson
or ps ons I doe subscribe my owne hand wth is well knownen wth my
name to the same wth Jesus Marya at the beginning and sealing the
same wth my signet having the letters G and W graven in hit Also
my mynd and wyll is that mayster Jhon Cheetam shall have
and enjoy peasablye the excersise off the office off the regestership
off Chester wth all comodities therunto belonginge ffor the residow
off the yeares that shall chanse affter my desease to be unexpired
accordings to the bargeyne betwixte us towe made and ffurthermore
one hole yeaer affter my gyft discharging the offyce and paying
ffor that yeaer to him that shall be regester then vj^{li} xiijs iiijd.

In Dei noīe Amen Wheare the mynd off man and especiallye the
sicknes is obliuious to put all thinges in pfect state wherfore I George
Wymisley off Tatnall in the countye off Chester fforgetting to incert
certeyne thinges in my testamēt beffore made therffor I the seyd
George the xvj day off februarye in the thrid yeaer off owre sove-
reygne ladye Queene Elyzabethe do make thys p̄sent codicell wth I
wyll to be part and pcell off my last wyll and testament Videit that

where there is granted to me the seyd George by the late Reverend ffather in God Jhon Byrd then Bishopp off Chester under his great seale and confyrmēd by the Deane and Chapiter under there comon seale as hit may appeare by patent off regestereshipp off Chester wth a searteyne annewetye and ffye off iij*li* xij*s* iij*d* to me the seyd George and myne assignes ffor tearme off yeares in the seyd patent mencioned I the seyd George aftter my desease make and nominate my welbeloved wyffe Elyn myne assignes ffor reseaving off the seyd annewetye or ffie off iij*li* xij*s* iij*d* during the tearme conteyned in the seyd patent yff she so longe doe lyve and aftter her desease I nominate constitute and ordeyne Thomas Savage the elder my sone myne assigne ffor the reseaving and enjoying off the seyd ffie off iij*li* xij*s* iij*d* together wth the patent theroff confect and made in wytnes wheroff I have subscribed my name to this codicell and sealed the same the day and yeare above mencioned in the p̄sense off the witnesses folowyng wth have subscribed there names to the same furthermore my mynd and wyll is by this my p̄sent codicell that iff any dowte ambiguetye or variense ryse betwixt my wyff and her children or betwixt my children theyre selves ffor and conserning division off goodes or anye part or p̄sell conteyned in my wyll and testament that then the all shall stand and abyde ffullye to the determination and order off the right worshipfull mayster Sir Philipp Egerton knight to whome I geave my full power and awctoretye as muche as the law wyll suffer me therin.

Richard Dod curate de Tattnall Jhon Astbroke Thomas Payne
scriptor hujus codicilli Thomas Hall.

THE WILL OF THOMAS CLARKE DEAN OF
CHESTER.¹

IN Dei noīe Amen In the yeare off owre Lord God mcccc and
xli and the xiiijth day off September I syr Thomās Clearke deane
off the cathedrall churche off Chryst w^tin the citye off Chester hole
off mynd and sycke in bodye make my last wyll and testamēt in
fforme and maner folowing ffyrst and principallye I bequeathe my
sole unto Almightye God creator and maker off this world owr Ladye
Seynt Marye and unto all the hollye compayne off heavē and my
bodye to be buryed beffore the highe altare w^tin the quire off y^e seyd
cathedrall churche Also I wyll and bequeathe that my ffunerall costes
and charges be made off my whole goodes Also I wyll and bequeathe
unto iiij daughters my systers chyldren and to everye one off theme
towardē there mariage xxli Also I wyll &c. to Richard Broster my
systers sone to his owne use and ffurtherāce xxxli Also I wyll that
my lord Bishopp off Chester Jhon Byrd have the pffarmant in bying
my best bed w^{ch} I lye and the bed w^tin the second chāber wth hang-
ings abowte the same doing thereffore as an other wyll doe Also I
wyll &c. the rest off my goodes movable and unmovable w^tin the
syte off the cathedrall churche off Chester at the manor off Ince or
other where wth plate bedding and all apperfnāses therto to be at
the disposition off myne executors Also I wyll y^t my executors shall
receave all my detts and therew^t pay my dettes and the rest to be
at there disposition and ordre ffor the pffett off my sowle healthe
Also I bequeathe to my servātē wholye whose names be herin con-

(1) No date of probate. He was the last abbot of the monastery of St. Werburgh, Chester, and at the Dissolution was appointed first dean of the newly formed cathedral. If he died soon after the making of this will, and unfortunately there is no date of the probate, he must have held the office of dean for a very brief period. The manor house at Ince was a residence of the abbots of St. Werburgh.

teined and to everye off theme iff my goodes wyll extend and amount thereunto xl^s a peace off theme or els pporcionallye as hit wyll stretche by the discretion off my executors ffyrst to Rawff Leftwiche Wifm Bryne Robert Hope gentylmen Wylliam Mayhow Thomas Wryght Jhon Mason Thoms Parker Thoms Gose Wifm Vernā Edward Griffytht Hughe Haye Henrye Richardson Thoms Banyon Henry Bankes Henrye Abraham, Wifm Crosbye Robert ap Wifm Christopher Bersey Matthew Wryght Richard Banke shepard Thoms Jaynsoon and Robert Wylson And thus I make constitute and appoyn to execute and pfforme this my last wyll and testament and all other wylles pmises and fformer bequeastes beinge voide Jhon Bothe gentyman Doctor Wylliam Wallen Syr Jhon Huet and Syr Thoms Radfford pbendaries off the cathedrall churche in Chester affore my lawfful executors to execute and pfforme this my last wyll and testament according to the tenowr theroff iff my goodes wyll ex- tend thereunto In p'sence and being witnesse Wylliam Goodman alderman off the Citye in Chester Robert Hope Thoms Wright Wifm Baxter Edward Griffithe Jhon Mason Elisabethe Offley Jone Broster and Alls Amerye wth others moe Written the day and yeare above specyffied.

Inventorium Thome Clarke Decani Cest. W^tin the Deanes chamber Imprimis a covering ij blankett^e a bolster ij pillowes one fether bed one woll bed a tesser off whyte say and greene wth cowrteynes off sarsenet xl^s A henging of arasse x^s a henging off greene sey over worne with iij peynted clothes vj^s viij^d one ffolding table not coloryd vj^s viij^d one other ffolding table coloryd vj^s viij^d one weyscote cubbord vj^s viij^d a presse iij^s iiiij^d a looking glasse xij^d an olde worne carpet iij^s iiiij^d ij fformes with ij bankers xij^d Summa iij^{li} xxij^d W^tin a chest w^tin the same chamber Imprimis ij dosen kanvas napkins iij^s vj diapur napkins iij^s a dyapur towel conteyninge iij yeard^e old worne xij^d a soche lyke dyapur towell xij^d iij yeardes and a halff of calise

clothe xxij^d vij canvasse sheetes x^s one tabul clothe off canvas xvij^d
 one tabul clothe off dyapur coteyninge iiiij yeard^e off clothe and a
 halffe being old worne iij^s a yead off red velvet x^s in new cowrtens
 off red and grene sey wth a valense ffor the same xvij^s viij^d a tesser
 w^t iij corteynes off red and greene sey old worne vj^s viij^d ij peaces off
 red and greene say xxvij^s viij^d a new covering xxvjs viij^d ij surplesses
 old and over worne iij^s viij^d Summa vli xvs jd W^t in the second chā-
 ber It a fflocke bed one ffetherbed one covering a bolster a coverlet
 and a tesser xx^s the hangins there iii^s viij^d in coaffurs v^s Summa
 xxvij^s viij^d W^t in the chapell Imprimis a covering off verdur vj^s viij^d
 an other off verdur wth ij images vj^s viij^d an other off verdur wth
 conies and bridds vj^s viij^d an other off verdur w^t bryddes v^s an other
 covering w^t stories vj^s viij^d an other patched covering w^t a unicorne
 iij^s a carpet clothe off deysyes iij^s iij ffether bedde^e w^t bolsters ffor
 servāts not halff stuffed w^t ffethers xxiiij^s iij small pillowes and a
 large pillow off dawne iiiij^s ij woll bedds x^s ij mattresses v^s ij ffrustian
 blanketts old worne iij^s viij^d vij coverlett^e old worne xiiij^s ij whyte
 flegge blanketts vj^s viij^d a carpet ffor a cupbord xij^d a cownter clothe
 vjd ix carpet quishions old worne xij^s verdur quishions old worne vj^s
 a jackett off damaske xl^s gowne ffaced wth damaske xl^s a cope ffor the
 quire lyned wth chageable sasenet xxvij^s viij^d a cloke ffaced wth velvet
 xx^s vj gownes distributed to his kynsffolke and ffrendes ij peyre off
 hose and ij jackett^e distributed in like case xlii x^s x^d W^t in a blacke
 chest in the second chamber An old grey amesse and a rochet x^s a new
 grey amesse and a greyt surplesse iijlii vj^s viij^d ij old diapur towels ijs
 a peyr off sheetes ijs viij^d a shurt xx^d an English bibel vj^s viij^d xij
 yeard^e off linen clothe iiiij^s a pere off old sheetes xx^d a garnishe off
 new vessell xxiiij^s ij porredge dishes v^s vj pewter trenches ijs iij
 bassens iij ewers and one charger iij^s a typpet of taffeta x^s a new
 capp v^s a new weynscote bed xl^s ij carpettes Englishe warke iiiij^s
 Summa ixlii ix^s Plate ij ale cuppes weying xiiij unces and dimid
 xl^s vj^s viij^d a white boll wth a cover xxxvij ownces iiijlii xiiij^s viij^d an

other small whyte peace xj ownces xxxvj^s viij^d vij spoones ij off theme gylt xijj ownces and dimid xlvi^a a chaffing dishe off sylver and ij spoones wth other broken sylver xxx unces and dimid vii^{li} xx^d a neest of goblett^c wth a cover gylt xl unces and dimid xij^{li} iij^s x^d a standinge cuppe wth a cover gylt xxvij unces and dimid vii^{li} iiiij^s ij^d an other standinge cuppe wth a cover gylt xxv unces iiij^{li} xj^s viij^d a salt wth a cover gylt xij unces xli^{li} viij^s viij^d a small chalesse wth a cover psell gylt xij unces xxvj^s x beydes sylver iij^s iiiij^d vj ringes sylver and gylt base gold wth christal stones a chalesse wth a patent dowble gylt xxvij unces and dimid vii^{li} iiiij^s ij^d a pax sylver and gylt fful off sowder iij unces x^s a pax sylver and gylt viij^s vj^d Within the wyne celler If a greyt pott v^s ij chalidrens v^s iij small pottes v^s W^tin the ffleshe howse If a greyt pott iij^{li} a new grate off iron x^s ij goggins off brasse vj^s viij^d ij rackes ij broches v^s a gyrd iron and a ffleshe hooke xvj^d ij ffyre fforkes a shoe and a peare off tonges iij^s iiiij^d one pulli off brasse ijs ij old great laund irons v^s ij smal laund irons ijs a plummars hammer and a peyre off boltes xvj^d a long brädert and a grate v^s certeine leade after iij^s y^e C xx^s an hoggshed off salt iij^s a peare off bellowes ij^d a barrell [of] chalke xvj^d ij great coaffers vj^s viij^d a beestocke viij^d a dowble rackinge xx^d a off wood xxvj^s viij^d xx^{tye} score off coles xxvj^s viij^d xx^{tye} lodes off good hey aftter iij^s y^e lode iij^{li} xvij lodes off hey aftter xx^d a lode xxx^s a saddel bridel and harnesse v^s a bey gelding xxx^s a white gelding xij^s iiiij^d v lodes off hey aftter ijs iij^d xvj^s viij^d corne w^tin y^e barne off Chester Bowghton barne and the demeanes off Saghton xli^{li} Contentes w^tin a coffer at Hughe Aldersey howse A boxe conteyning evidenses ij albes and amys broderyd x^s a dalmatyke off balkynd sylke x^s a velvet vestment red wth a crosse off gold xxvj^s viij^d a stole and a phanon xij^d a blew tynacle ijs a vestment off whyte sarsenett vj^s viij^d a towell off dyapur ijs ij rochetts ijs At Ince viij score and xijj wedders at ijs a peace xvli^{li} viij^s L hogges vii^{li} vj^s viij^d xj score ewes and tuppes xvli^{li} v score and xij lambes at viij^d a peace iij^{li} xijj^s viij^d one

mare w^t a colt ij stagges att xxvij^s ij old horses one w^t a
 broken legge and an other blynd vj^s viij^d henginges there ij^s viij^d vj
 quishens viij^s one cownter vj^s viij^d one other cownter v^s an other
 ffowle stagge x^s an old mare and a colt xvj^s a presse x^s a cownter
 clothe xvj^d iiij^s bed cases vj^s one cow xiii^s fformes and tressyls vj^d
 v candelstickes iijs ffyre wood and turve xxxiijs iiiij^d ij lodes off canel
 v^s lyme viij bushel ij^s viij^d old leyde xx^d ij pullis ij^s tymber theire ix^s
 ffor hey theire ijli xiijs iiiij^d ffor a stonne woll v^s v stone lockes affter
 iijs iiiij^d xvj^s viij^d a mare xj^s a horse and a mare xxiijs iiiij^d an other
 mare xiijs iiiij^d ffor xxvij stone off woll ixli xvj^d ropp^c and leade
 being in Hughe Alderseys hand xxvj^s viij^d Other stufte in diverse
 plases preyed as folowythe A cope off redd velvett xl^s a vestment
 and ij tinacles off red velvet ijli broken sylver xxix unces sold to M^r
 Dutton vli xx^d a iron bownd cart w^t new treises ijli xv off
 slates ijli a gowne off russet new ffurryd w^t lambe and conye lijs iiiij^d
 serteyne ringes w^t greyt stones xxv^s in redye money at his departing
 lxli ijs

Sperat dettes as ffolowithe dew to the seyd Syr Thom^s Clarke at
 his departing lyke to be reseaved Syr Jhon Hewet clearke ffor the
 Easter roll off the parsonage off Seynt Oswaldes vjli Henrye Richardson
 owe the ffor the pfetts off the churche ffor one hole yeare xli xvj^s ij^d
 Raff Goodmā owe the ffor halff a yearesh rent off the tythes off Dye
 mylnes l^s Hughe Broster and his wyffe owe the ffor the yeres rent off
 the tythes and pffetts off Wyrvyn vjli Hughe Aldersay owythe ffor
 money lent xxiiijli The same Hughe ffor money reseaved off M^r
 Manwaring xli Henrye Bunberye gentylmā iiijli M^r Buxce þben-
 darye iiijli Thomas Cottinghā off Ledsam xix^s ij^d Davye Myddelton
 ffor M^r Calvelye iijs vj^s viij^d Wifm Leghe off Yrbye xx^s Richard
 Chawntrell ffor an oxe xvij^s Wifm Ball and Margaret Wederall
 iijs vj^s ij^d James Stonely off Seylton v^s Rob^t Huntington of the plym
 yerdes ixli Syr Thom^s Newton ffor an ames xl^s The same Syr Thom^s

ffor money lent iijs Myles Newton ffor money lent xx^s Raff Left-wiche by a byll off his hand x^{li} Y^e same Raff ffor rerages off acco^wptes ffor his bayliwicke as appeareth by Mr Wysemans hand wryting iiij^{li} iiijs vd The same Raff ffor money lent to Bostocke iijs iiijd Rob^t Hope ffor his bayliwicke iijs Wifm Bryne ffor rerages off his bayliwicke xlvj^s viij^d Thom^s Wright ffor his bayliwicke x^s iiijd ob The Deane and Canons off Chester oweith ffor the charges off the erection off the seyd College Cxlj^{li} Hughe Broster and his wyffe oweithe ffor xl and xij bushells off barle at xv^d the b^s iiij^{li} x^s The sayd Hughe and his wyff ffor xxxvj teethe lambes at x^d a peace xxx^s The same man ffor v stone off tyethe woll at v^s iiijd the stone xxvj^s viij^d Y^e Deane and Canons oweithe uppon acco^wpt liij^{li} xij^s Dyvers other men ffor mortuaries abowte xxx^s Mr Wylliā Sneyde ix^{li} Mr Smytht parson off Burye x^{li} Randul Manwaring off Swanlow xxx^{li} more certeine ringes and quishions and other stiffe w^t redye monye xl^s w^{ch} money and other stuff were gyffe to his too sistres and his ffrendes not preyed.

Imprimis ffor ffunerall expēses abowt the burial off the testator xlii^{li} xij^s ij^d Owing to the kinges highnes and to y^e deane and chanons as appeareth by a debet ffyned w^t Mr Wysemās hand and hanging in the alditors booke off w^{ch} debethe part is alowed to the Deane and Canons by reason off the kinges gyft in their detacion and ptinet discharged as appereth by the awditors booke CCxxxvj^{li} Owing to the Deane and Canons ffor the whole yeares rent off the psonage off Seynt Oswaldes wiche the executors have payd and alowed to the Deane and Canons and ffor recōpence thereoff the corne and other pffetts is charged in the invētorye as by the seyd inventorye wyll appeare lxxij^{li} xij^s vjd

THE WILL OF SIR THOMAS HOLT OF
GRISTLEHURST, KNT.

IN the name of God Amen I Sir Thoms Holt off Gryselhurst in the countye off Lancaster knight beinge whole in bodye and off good and perfect remembrance thankes lawde and preyse be unto almyghtye God yet pceavinge and concideringe that death is to everye person at Goddes wyll and pleasure most comon and uncerteyn and often tymes [men] sodenlye betaken out off this transitorye world no wyll disposition nor order off their landes goodes and cattalls or onye thinges wherewth they be charged dysposyd made or declaryd by reason whereof often tymes great stryffe and variance dothe growe and ryse and their dutyes and dettes be not payd Thereffore I the sayd Syr Thoms Holt knyght the xij day off februarye in the yeare off owr Lord God a thowsand fyve hundred threescore and tooe and in the fowrth yeare off the reygne off owr sovereygne ladye Elyzabeth &c. ffyrst and pryncipallye wyllinge the wealth and health off my sowle and to have yt prayd ffor afster my deceasse and departure off my bodye ffrom this transitorye lyffe And secondly wyllinge and desyringe the pffarmant and settinge fforthe off my wyffe chyldren and others doe thereffore make and declare my testament and last wyll &c. ffirft I bequeth my soule unto almyghtye God my Creator and Redemer and trustinge in the merites off Chrystes death passion and bludshed to be one off those yt shall be savyd at the great generall day off judgement and my bodye to be buryed wheare yt shall please almyghtye God Item I geave and bequeth to the ornamenteſ off Burye churche iij^s iiiij^d Item I geave unto eyght poore ffolke evy off theym one gowne whyte or blacke immediatlye afster the departure off my lyffe And the sayd poore ffolke to be off the poorest off my tenannites wthin the parishes off Burye Mydleton and Rache-

dale by my executors yff I doe not appoyn特 theym in my lyffe tyme and y^t everye off the sayd poore ffolkes to have geaven by my sayd executors everye off theym iijjd I geave &c. unto ffrancis Holt my sone and heyre one damaske gowne a saten jaket wth sleeves and my cheyne off golde And also I geave unto the sayd ffrances and to soche heyres males as shall hereaftter dwell at my house off Grystelhurste or in anye other place all maner off artyllerye or harneysse as jack salett whyte harnesse w^t my flagge and pensyll w^{ch} hatht my armes and badge uppon accordinge as yt was appoyntryd me off the kynge off harawldes Item I geave unto the sayd ffrances Holt my tent and tent polle wth all iron ware and ropes to the sayd tent belonginge Item yt ys my full mynde that the sayd damaske gowne saten jaket cheane off gold w^t all kynd off harnesse as ys afforesayd shall be delyveryd unto the sayd ffrances immedietelye after the death off me the sayd S^r Thom^s Holt Item I geave &c. unto the sayd ffrances Holt one sylver salt wth a cover dowble gylte a pounse bolle pcell gylt ix sylver spoones called the apostells spoones a ffurnesse off leade wth dyverse stone trowes keyres and arkes standinge in the backehowse brewhouse and larder howse I geave &c. unto the sayd ffrances Holt all arkes keyres and sawed bowrdes wth other chyste ware and tymber y^t ys now or at anye tyme off my deathe shalbe in the kylne what maner off tymber so ever yt be uppon condition that Dame Dorothye my wyffe shall occupye the same duryng all her lyffe and y^t affter the decesse off the sayd Dame Dorothye my mynd ys the pcell as ys afforesayd shall remeyne unto the sayd ffrances Holt and hys heyres as heyrelomes Item I wyll &c. y^t affter the death off me the sayd Syr Thom^s Holt and Dame Dorothye my wyffe all kynde off bedstockes with hanginges ffor the same to remeyne and be heyre lomes at my howse or wheare the sayd heyres males shall dwell for ever Item I geave &c. unto Dame Dorothye my wyffe my best geldinge Item I geave unto ffrances Holt my sone my second best geldinge Item I geave unto Raffe Holt my yonger sone my thryd best geldinge Item

I geave unto Thōms Holt sone off the sayd ffrances Holt my fflowrtht best geldinge Item I wyll that my executors shall delyver unto my aunte Annes yerelye durynge her liffe xl^s Item I geave unto Mawde Barlowe my sisters dawghter xl^s towardē her mariage iff she be then alyve so that she guyde her selfe honestye and be rulyd by her mother and by my next heyre apparent Item I wyll that after my dettes payd legacyes and ffunerall expences payd and doone that the residew off my goodes cattalls and dettes shalbe equallye devyded into iij partes whereoff one part to Dame Dorothye my wyfie the second part to Rauffe Holt and the thryd part y^t remeyneth unto me I geave unto ffrances my sone towards the mariage off his chyldren and brynginge off theym upp in vertuousnes Also I constitute and make my trustye and welbelovyd Dame Dorothye my wyfie and Raffe Holt my soñe my trewe and ffaythfull executors to see that this my last wyll be pfformyd as they wyll answere beffore God at the generall day off judgement Also I wyll that this shalbe my trewe and last wyll conserninge the disposition off my goodes cattalls and dettes and that all other wylles heretoffore made to be ffrustrate and off no effecte In witnes whereoff I the sayd Syr Thōms Holt have assyngued this my last wyll in wrytinge wth my owne hand and sett to my seall in the psens off Robert Holt.¹

¹ No date of probate. The testator was son of Ralph Holt of Gristlehurst Esq. by Anne, daughter of John Langley of Agecroft, and married Dorothy, daughter of Ralph Longford of Longford Knt. — *Suffield MSS.* His inquisition post mortem is dated 4 Elizabeth, at which time his son Francis was of the age of 38 years. The family continued in the possession of Gristlehurst and other lands in Lancashire until Thomas Posthumus Holt Esq. squandered his paternal estates and died in poverty near Tattenhall, where he was buried March 28, 1679. For an account of this family see *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part i. p. 100; vol. ii. part iii. p. 477; and *The Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 174.

TESTAMENTUM CICELIE ASHELEY.¹

Pbaſ corā ſīro Roſto Leeche v° die Junii 1563. Et coſiſſa
admiſtratio executi reservata p̄tate p Thurſtano Tyldiſley
armigero.

IN the name &c. The xixth day of Maye in the yeare of oure
lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth three score and three I
Cicill Asheley beinge of pfect mynd &c. ffyrſt and principally I
bequeth my ſole unto almightye God my maker and redeemer and
my bodye to bee buryed at my pariche churche of Bowdon nere unto
my husbande grave yff yt please God to call me to his mercye at
this tyme Itm I geave &c. unto George Breerton yf he take good
weys and be ordred by his frende whome I conſtitute and make my
executors one hundreth markes of his mariage goodes And to his
ſyster Anne and his ſyster Jane eyther of theym ij hundreth markes
a pece yff they take good weys and be ordred by their frendes And
yf they doe not use theym ſelfes well and will not be ordred by their
frendes I geave unto my nephew Sutton children and my nephew
Wryghte children one hundreth markes and to be devyded equallye
amongſt theym and to be received at the dayes of paym^t wh^ere
appoyned at the daye of making upp of the marriage The rest of the
ſayd fowre hundreth markes yff they will not be ruled by their
frendes I geave to y^e ſayd George Breerton Item I geave to the
ſayd George Brereton eyght oxen and all plowes weynes cheynes
and all thinges belonginge unto husbandry To the ſayd George ſixe
kye and a bull the blacke nagge and the yonge fillye and a bore and

¹ She was the widow of George Ashley of Ashley Esq. and daughter of John Sutton of Sutton near Macclesfield Esq. The issue of this marriage was an only daughter, Thomasine, who was married to Richard Brereton, a younger son of Sir William Brereton of Brereton Knt. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 419.

a sowe and iiiij^{or} shotes of the best he can chewse To the sayd George all the corne that ys sownen and to be sownen appon the grownd and the best chafer and the best possonett To the sayd George ij of the best cheares the cuppord in the hall and the cuppord in the parlor and the cofer in the parlor To the sayd George all the keyres stowndes and other vessells y^t are wthin the brewhowse to brewe wth To the sayd George the gretest potte and the best panne and the best maslin basyn and the best voyder and the best garnishe of pewter dishes and the saltinge tubbes and soche other tree ware as ys wthin the larder Also I geave to the sayd George iiiij^{or} of the best candelstickes and a chafinge dishe To the sayd George a cote of mayle a jacke and a salet and all other harnesse at home besydes To the sayd George all the barres of iron that are in y^e apple charme-
ber To the sayd George a diapur cloth and an other cloth for the broade boord xxty^e peyre of sheetes a dosyn of boord napkins halfe a dosyn pillow bers and a halfe dozen of quishins y^t are in the hall and iiiij^{or} of those quishins that are in the parlor syde and a red velvett quishin y^t standeth in the parlor window To the sayd George ij candestickes for tapers and a pewter bottell and fore score dishes and bolles and iiiij^{or} beddes that ys to say the best bed wth the sylke henginge and ij of y^e worse sorte and ij mattresse and halfe a dozen of fustian pillowes and ij of the worst sorte and to evye bed ij blan-
kett^e and ij coverlett^e Item I geave unto Anne Breerton iiiij^{or} kye the graye mare and her sole ij styrkes of ij yeres old of the best that she can chewse of the kye styrkes and iiiij^{or} of the grettest swyne To the sayd Anne ij bedstockes one ys in the yate howse and the other in y^e chappell chamber To the sayd Anne xxty^e pere of sheet^e and a dyapur bord clothe and iij other bord clothes a dosyn bord napkins and halfe a dosyn pillowwe beres and halfe a dosyn of fustian pillowes and the worser chafer and a possonet wth a stole To the sayd Anne iiiij^{or} beddes ij of the best and ij of the worser and ij mattres and my ij damaske gownes and my red damaske kyrtle a

frocke of right wolstynd and my best cloth frocke and my best kyrtle of blacke damaske and my velvet bonet and a red tippet of saten borthered wth gold and a pere of bedes of red corall and a pere of velvet sleeves and another peyre of tawnye saten and ij rynges of gold y^e one was her mothers and the other wth a perle y^t I had of Mestres Asheley and ij corpp [sic] cases I geave to the sayd Anne yff the be never occupyed ageyn at the churche And yff the be I geave the one to the churche at Bawden y^e better and the other to my owne chapell at home And I geave to the sayd Anne the best potte and the best panne iiiij candelstickes and halfe a garnishe of pewter and a chafinge dishe and the halfe of the drynkinge pott^e that are in the butterye and halfe a dosyn of sylver spoones a sylver salt and a standinge peace of sylver and the cofer that hath my best gayre in and the other that my best kerchyfes in Itm I geave unto Jane Breerton iiij kye and ij kye styrkes of ij yeres old and a pott and a panne of the best that are left when her brother and syster have chosen Itm I geave to the sayd Jane twooe bedstockes the one in the chappell chameber and the other benethe and iiiij^{or} candelstickes and halfe a garnishe of pewter Itm to the sayd Jane the damaske gowne that was her mothers and a kyrtle the abillement that was her mothers and the blewe saten tippet y^t was myne and a peyre of white birall beydes and my worse damaske kyrtle and iiij bedd^e one of the better and ij of the worse and all thinges belonginge thereunto and xvij peyre of sheet^e a dosyn bord napkins and vj pillow beres a flaxen bord cloth and iiij other bord clothes and iiiij^{or} fustian pillowes and halfe a dosyn of sylver spoones and a sylver salt and a sylver potte and a cofer that standeth behind the chameber dore and an other that standeth in the closett Itm I bequeth the rest of all the tree ware that ys unbequethed to Jane Brerton and Anne B: Itm I geave to Jane B: a littell potte Itm I geave unto Anne Ward a cowe and a calfe and xx^{tie} markes of money and a fetherbed and all thinges belonginge therto y^t is to say twoe blankett^e twoe covlette^e

ij pillowes and a bed cover Itm to Alice Harden a cewe and a calfe Itm to Margaret Debias a cewe and a calfe Itm to Jone Curbishley a cewe and a calfe Itm to Margaret Worthington a cewe styrk of ij yeres of age Itm to my servant Robert Vereson a yoke of my drawght steeres Itm to Wifm Worsley a yoke of drawen steres Itm to Robt Heyghfeld xxth shillinges and a shert and his bed w^{ch} he lyeth in in the mylne To Henry Heeld xx^s and a shurt [The same bequest to] George Land John Hase Ric Cooe Henry Heeld the younger Wifm Bradshaw and George Launnce Itm I geave to Wifm Bradshaw a bed Itm to Roger Murrey a cewe styrke To my servant Robt Gooden a yoke of steeres that goe in the pear tree fyeld Itm to John Davenport xx^s and a sherte I forgeave Mawde Rigway the debt w^{ch} she oweth me [Similar bequests to the following] Edward Houghe Margaret Heginson John Denson the wyffe of Robt Coe the wyffe of John Wryght George Launnce Edward Rowson Reynold Gooden the wyffe of Roger Lyneston Katerine Milner the wyffe of John Leeghe of Altringham the wyffe of James Warber-ton the wyffe of Edward Parker Raffe Venebles John Walton of Altringham and Nicolas Vawdrey Itm I geave to my brother S^r Wifm xx^{li} To Wifm Bothe esquier v^{li} To Thurstan Tyldisley of Wardley v^{li} To M^r Sutton v^{li} To Jaspor Worth of Tetherington v^{li} And I make my executors &c. the right worshipfull S^r Wifm Davenport knight George Breerton my sone Thurstan Tildesley esquier Ric Sutton esquier Jasper Worth esquier and the right worshipfull Wilt Bothe esquier to be overseer and supervisor The rest of my goodes unbequethed my legacyes my buryall and funeral expenses discharged &c. shall be devyded to the poore people in this parishe and in the towne of Macclesfylde These beinge witnes George Lamme John Davenport Robt Perisson Robt Gooden and Wilt Worsley.

TESTAMENTUM ANTONII CALVELEY.

Pbaſ coram m̄ḡro Robto Leech in LL Baccall xxij^o Sep. 1563.

IN the name &c. The xiijth daye of May in the fyfthe yere of the
reygne of our sovaygne ladie Queene Elizabeth I Antoneye Calve-
ley¹ son of George Calveley knight decessed beinge whole of mind &c.
firſt I geave &c. my ſole unto almighty God and unto our blessed
Ladye Seynt Mary &c. I will the daye of my buryall or w̄thin a
moneth after there be xli delt to y^e poore to praye for me &c. I will
y^t their be xiij blacke gownes made and geven unto my poore
neighboures to praye for me Also I will desire and charge my execu-
tors and overseers of this my will y^t they ſhall ſee my ladye my
mother Dame Elizabeth Calveleys will be pformed and my ſyster²
Elizabeth Gerrards will be pformed And also that my brother³ John
Calveleys will be pformed w^{ch} I ſtand charged wthall and that ys
not doone and fulſyld at my deathe when yt ſhall please God to
call for me to his mercye as they ſhalbe anſwerable thereunto at the
dreadfull daye of judgement afore God in an other world Also to the
halowinge of Churching Heathe chapell xl^s I will that my nephewe
George Calveley ſhall deliver to y^e parifehaners of Church en Heath
chapell the bell that I lent unto him w^{ch} henged in his ſteeple over
his chapell w^{ch} bell was geven by my ladye my mother unto the
ſayd chapell to be prayd for Also I will y^t my executors ſhall paye
for the pavinge of the cawſey ſo far as ys unſiſheda at my deathe
betwixt the chapell and cawde fyeld ſtile — unto y^e mendinge of
Hanley lane at y^e churche end iij^s iiiij^d — unto y^e mendinge of War-

¹ Anthony, a younger ſon of Sir George Calveley of Lea, Knt., by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Pier Dutton of Hatton, Knt. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 419.

² Elizabeth married Richard Gerard of Crewood, Esq. Her inquisition post mor-tem is dated 35 Henry VIII. — Ibid. p. 62.

³ See his will at p. 56.

ton windemille lane iij^s iiiij^d I will that my syster Elianor Davenport have delivered unto her iij of the spoones that were last made at London that have ij l̄res at the endes for my name a pewter voyder a pere of beydes of exedent gawdid wth silver and gilt an edge of perle a button of gold wth white amell on ytt a flat ringe of gold price x^s ij coffers one wth a clicket locke and another wth a white plate loocke on ytt which ys geaven unto her by my ladye Calveley her mother I will that my sister Dorothie Almer have delivered unto her a flower of gold set wth stones and perle a ringe of gold wth the fyve wownds wrought on hit a white dyapur rybbon wth ij aglett^e of sylver and gylt on hit Also I will to be delivered unto my sayd suster Dorothie a great brasse potte y^t was Cicelie Tattonhalle pforminge the sayd Cicelie Tattonhalls will to Bunburie churche wth goodes were geaven unto her by the will of my ladye Calveley her mother I will y^t my executors deliver unto ev̄ye one of my brethren in lawe one olde ryall wth was by the gyfte of my ladye my mother and yff anye of their names be dead then I will their eldest sones to have the same gold delivered unto theym to praye for my ladye M^r Davenport M^r Houghe M^r Almer and M^r Edward^e wth was a lyve at the deathe of my ladye I will that my executors deliver unto my cosin Katerine Pilston dawghter unto my syster Davenport one fetherbed one flocke bedde one bolster and one pillowe of fustian ij blankett^e and ij coverlett^e a peyre of broade sheet^e of flaxen and my ladyes best fruntlet a cofer wth good^e were bequethed unto her by the will of my ladye Calveley her grandmother I will my executors deliver unto my cosin Hughe Davenport my sisters sone at his goinge to howse a longe tastinge spoone of sylver wth ys in a case and geven to him by the will of my ladye Calveley his grandmother I geave and bequethe unto my syster Davenport a blacke cloth gowne furred wth sharkes a blacke kyrtell of satin a Bridgges [sic] wth was parte of my ladies reyment Item I geve unto my syster Howghe a blacke chanlet gowne furryd wth

grey a bonnett of blacke velvet wth a frontlet and a ringe wth a saphire w^{ch} was part of my ladyes raement Unto my sister Dorotheie Almer a right black satin cirtell w^{ch} was part &c. Unto my sister Dame John Leycester my flaggin cheyne of gold a harness gyrdell full of sylver studdes and gilt a ringe of gold wth the stone of a gesant in ytt and a great chaffer of maslen and a flaggin braslet of gold desyringe her to be good ladye unto Rauffe More To evye one of my sistres beinge alyve at my death an old ryall of gold to make eyther one of them a ringe of to pray for my sole To my cosin Hughe Calveley my best cappe wth my bruche on hit my dagger and my sword the best armor that was my brother John Calveleys wth the best stile [or sile] sadell to pray for me To my cosin Wifm Houghe the best cowe y^t I have Unto my cosin Thoms Houghe his brother xx^s in money Unto my cosin John Dutton a short gowne of taffeta and my twoo handed sworde To M^{rs} Elianor Dutton his bedfelow a fyne flaxen sheete to cover hir bedd when she lyeth in hale and an olde ryall of gold to make her a ryng of Unto my cosin Launcelot Bostshocke fyve pownds Unto my cosin Wifm Almer my gylt raper Unto my cosin Hughe Davenport an other raper Unto my cosin Alice Byston x^s and x^s w^{ch} I lent her I forgeave her Unto my cosin Jane Elis xx^s and the best heffer calfe of ij yeres olde that I have To Wifm Edward^e a colt w^{ch} I bowght of John Mynshull Unto my cosin Katerine Leycester xx^s in money a peticote of scarlet w^{ch} was my ladyes a bonnet of velvet wth a fruntlet and iij sylver spoones w^{ch} was bowght last at London havinge ij l^{rs} at the endes of theym for my name Unto my cosin Dorotheie Houghe a blacke chammel^t gowne w^{ch} was my syster Elizabeth Gerrard to praye for her I will my executors deliver unto my sayd cosin Dorotheie Houghe v markes w^{ch} was geven her by my brother John Calveley's will Unto my cosin John Davenport y^e best peyre of hose dowblet and sherte that I have and a little band in itt Unto my cosin Randall Davenport his brother a trottinge cowlt w^{ch} ys at Toft my buffe

girken my rydinge cloke Unto the rest of my sisters children w^{ch} I have geven nothinge unto vjs viij^d a pece Unto David Mathewe a fryseadow cloke and the best spruce girkin Unto my nephew George Calveley a masar bole wth a border of sylver and gilt abowt ytt a shirt of mayle wth the hed peace or murren therunto belonginge and an arminge sworde and my grey amblinge geldinge to pray for me Unto my cosin George Byston my night gowne of blacke damaske garded wth velvet and my velvet gyrken Unto my brother in lawe Richard Hough my shorte secke clothe gowne garded wth velvet Unto my cosin Richard Clive my sealinge ringe w^{ch} hath an agonett stone in ytt Unto my cosin George Calveleys wyffe twoo shorte carpett_e of carpett woorke for the formes in y^e chapell and twoo silke pillowes of downe the one covered wth greene sarcenet and the other wth saten of Byrges [Here follow many bequests of tenements, lands, cottages, and gardens, to various individuals for life, paying the usual rents.] Unto John Minshull a redd taffeta doublet and a peyre of blacke hose Unto evye servant that ys dwellinge wth me at the daye of my death iij^s iiiij^d a pece to pray for me Unto Wilm Bannester and to his wye fyve markes I will and charge my executors that they shall take the lease of the psonage of Burlington and to receave the pfett_e thereof and to paye all soche debt_e and legacyes as are my brother John Calveleys as ytt may appeare by his will and that my executors shall paye soche other legaces as ys not wthin his will This doone and his will pformed I will my sayd executors shall receave the rest of the pfett_e thereof and employ hit to the most pfett of Rauffe Calveley my bastard sone accordinges to the will of my brother John Calveley Unto Rauffe Calveley my bastard sone the leases w^{ch} I have of the manor and lordshipp of Sawghton and another lease w^{ch} I have of Church in Heath wth all my right title &c. Unto the sayd Rauffe Calveley my best cheyne of gold a dozen of the best sylver spoones my best salt of silver wth the cover my goblet of silver wth the cover my pownce peece of sylver wth all the rest of my howsehold

stiffe as beddinge brasse and pewter and all other my howsehold stiffe as well kye oxen yonge bestes horses mares wth are not in this will afore bequethed This donne my will pformed and discharged I wold charge my executors and overseers that my good^c wthin the howse and wthowte the howse maie be preyed by honest men and by the discretion of my executors and overseers that soche good^c as ys most needfull I wold have theym to sell hit and to take the rent^c of my farmes of Sawghton and Church in Heath and to see the same somes of money putt fourth yerely unto some honest man's hand^c for the use and behoofe of Raufe Calveley my bastard sone Also I desire my executors and overseers that the sayd Raufe may be kept to learninge till he come to the age of xxij yeres Also I geave unto some learned man w^{ch} shalbe appoynted to preache by my cosin George Calveley fowre sermons in what churches he thinketh meete xx^s for his peynes Unto John Partynton the widow Turner Alice Grey Cicelye of y^e Buttes Crumpe of Churton John that dwelleth in the lane and the poore woman that come owte of Warton and Hughe Rannat^c wyf^e evy one of theym a hoope of wheate Unto Thomas Prickett wifie of Aldforde a bushell of barley I will that my executors shall make Case [sic] newe reyment and binde him prentise in London wth John Hondkin the teylor or to some other whome they thinke meete Unto S^r Raufe Leycester my brother in lawe my scarlet cloke and unto my cosin Wifm Leycester his sone my best hand gonue Unto my brother Davenport an other hand gonue Unto my brother Almar the best dagge Unto my cosin John ap Elis an other dagge Unto my cosin Hughe Byston a pollaxe w^{ch} was my brother John Calveleys Unto my cosin Hughkin Byston all my beddinge wth the bedde case the henginges of the chameber wth a cofer w^{ch} standeth at London wthin Holburne castell willinge him that Rauffe Calveley my sone maye be chameber felowe wth him when he cometh to the Innes of the Cowrte I will that the psone of Handley be payed for soche tieth^e haye as my brother John Calveley was behind wth him I will

that my executors shall delyver unto the vicare of Seynt Warburge that nowe ys vjs viij^d in satisfaction of soche tiethes and dutyes yf I were anye behynde at my death Itm I will that my executors shall delyver to twoo poore men and twoo poore women in Bunburye pishe iijs iiijd a pece to praye for the sole of M^{rs} Byston who was late wyffe to my brother in lawe John Byston Itm I will that my executors doe paye unto Seth Nicoll so moche money as he sayeth uppon his honestye he payd for the repleviyng of his bestes owte of Sawghton folde w^{ch} were pinned by my servant^c I will that my executors geave unto James Bulkeley iijs iiijd whome was wryter of this will. I desire my nephew George Calveley my syster Dame Jane Leycetor my nephew George Byston my brother in lawe Ri^c Houghe esquyer^{rs} to be my executors And I desire M^r John Dutton of Dutton my cosin Richard Clive of Huxley to be overseers for Godd^c sake to see this my pñt last will executed and to doe for my sole as they wold be doone by as they shall answere me at the dreadfull daye of judgment in an other worlde In witnes whereof &c. I Anthonye Calveley have putt &c. at the manor of Sawghton the xiijth daye of Maye in the vth yere &c. in the p^sentes of James Bulkeley wryter hereof

Anthonie Calveley.

Also I will and bequeth to my cosin Katerine Davenport a whyte heyffer off ij yeres olde incalfe Item I geave to Margerie Greene my cosin a whyte heyffer of a yere olde Item I geave to M^{rs} Hurleston my cosin a whyte heffar of ij yeres olde.

Hugo Calveley.

Robtus Danold de Hanley.

Lancelot Bostock.

Johnes Davenport.

Dorothea Almar.

Katerina Pilston cū ceteris.

**THE WILL OF PHILIP EGERTON, OF
EGERTON, KNT.¹**

IN the name &c. The xvijth daye of January in the yeare of our Lord God mv. ... and in the yere of the reygne of our sovaygne ladi Elizabeth by the grace of God quene &c. the vth I Phillippe Egerton of Egerton wthin the countie of Chester knight beinge sycke in body and yet in pfett memorye thankes be to God do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followynge first I bequethe my soulle to allmyghtie God that he for the greatt love and beningnitie that he dothe bore to mankind and for the passion he suffered apon the crosse for the redemption of man that he wyll receyve the same amongst his elect children and to our blessed ladye Saint Marye and all the hollye compayne of heven to praye for me also I will that my bodye shalbe buried in the chappell of Budworthe wheras I do knell also I wyll that my dett^e and funerall^e shalbe discharged of my hoalle good^e Item I will that evye one of my yomen that wereth my lyvere shall have a blake cowett Item I gyve to Edward Pbin Phillippe Nevell and Thomas Underwood evy one of them xl^s a pese and evy one of them a blake cowett Item I geve to Sr Rauff Olton x^s and a blake gowen Item to evy on of my yomen servaunt^e that do dwell or contynewe in my howse at the tyme of my deathe one holle yeres wag^e Item to evy one of my

¹ No date of probate. The testator was son and heir of Philip Egerton of Egerton and Oulton Esq., by Joanna, daughter and coheiress of Gilbert Smith of Cuerdley in the county of Lancaster. He married Eleanor, daughter of Sir Randle Brereton of Malpas Knt., and dying 17th July 1583, was buried at Budworth. His son and heir, John Egerton, married Jane, daughter of Piers Mostyn of Talacre Esq., and was ancestor of Egerton, Earls of Wilton, and of Sir Philip de Malpas Grey Egerton Bart., of Oulton Park, M.P. and F.R.S., the present male representative of this ancient family. — Ormerod, vol. ii p. 350.

husband servāntē and wemen servāntē one halfe yeres wagē Item to Thomas Egerton¹ that ys at Ine of Cowert xli toward his exebition Item I give to bestowe for John Cliffs sowle xl Item to Budworth churche xl Item to Jane Egerton my daughter in lawe my longe damaske gowen Item to Thomas Venables my newe blake clothe gowen wth the garde of velvet Item I will my wyff shall have my gilte cup of sylver duringe her lyffe, and she to leave yt to John Egerton sonne and here of John Egerton Also I will that Dame Ellenor Egerton my wyf shall have all the rest of my goodē dyscharginges thes thinges above specified and for the better accomplishmente of thes p̄sentē I the sayd Phillip Egerton do order constitute and make my welbeloved in Christ Dame Ellenor Egerton my wyfe and Thomas Venables of Antrbun² [Antrobus] my trewe and lawfull executorē for the p̄formance and accomplishmente of this my last wyl and testament In wittnes whereof I the sayd Phillip Egerton have put my seal the daye and yere above wrytten Sealed and delived in the p̄sence of these wyttnes whose names are subscribed Wyllyam Smythe clarke Rauff Olton prest John Olton.

M^d this will was sent to Sir Richard Egerton² knight the xxiiijth day of February by S^r Phillip Egerton knight to be singned by the hand of the sayd S^r Richard to the intent hit may well appere.

¹ Thomas Egerton, natural son of Sir Richard Egerton of Ridley, Knt., born about 1540, entered Brasenose College about 1556, and having taken his Bachelor's degree, was removed to Lincoln's Inn in 1559, where, in January 1562-3, his "exebition" was augmented by his liberal kinsman the testator; Lord Chancellor of England, created Baron of Ellesmere 21st July 1603, and Viscount Brackley 7th November 1616, ancestor of the Earls and Dukes of Bridgewater. He died 15th March 1616-17. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 348.

² Sir Richard Egerton of Ridley Knt., cousin to the testator and father of the Chancellor. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 162.

Item that I have sold since God cauled for my husband of yonge
bease xxxvij the wth I have receyved xlijij^{li} for.

Item that I have receyved for corne since my husband died xx^{li}

Item that there ys remeanyng e yett xxxj kye by exstimation of the
presers worth xxvj^s viij^d a pyce one wth another.

Item that ther dothe remayne by exstimation of the presers xij oxen
worth xxxij^s iiij^d a pyce one wth another.

Item in howshold stufe that ther remayneth in the
parlar a longe bord a square bord and a cuppbord
wth the carpetes and a quishyns therto remayn-
ynge by exstimation of the p^rssers worthe

Item ther ys in the great chamber iij fetherbeddes
and twoe boulsters and ij pyllowes and ij blan-
kette and iij covlette and a coverynge.....

Item ther ys in the chamber over the butrie ij fether-
beddes and ij boulsters and ij pillowes and ij
blankett^e and iij covlette and a covynge wth the
bed stockes therto belonginge

Item there ys in the wardens chamber ij fether beddes
and ij boulsters ij pillowes and ij blankett^e iij
covlette and a covynge wth the bedstockes therto
belonginge

Item there is in the litell chamber ij fether bedes and
ij bolsters ij pillowes and ij blankett^e iij covlette
and a covynge and the bedstockes thereto be-
longyng

Item in the ij bed chambers ij fether bede ij boulsters
and ij blankett^e iij covlette wth the rest that is
in the chamber.....

Item in my lords chamber ij fetherbede ij bolsters

xi^{li}v^{li}ijij^{li} xij^s iiij^dijij^{li} vj^s viij^dijij^{li} xij^s iiij^dijij^{li} vj^s viij^d

and ij pillowes and ij blankettē iij covlētē and a covynge w th the bedstocke and the stiffe thereto belongynge	iiij ^{lii} xij ^s iiij ^d
Item in the chamber by the syde of the yeates ij fetherbedē and ij boulsters and iij covlētē and a covynge	iiij ^{lii} vj ^s viij ^d
Item in the oxe howse a matteres a boulster ij covlētē	xij ^s iiij ^d
Item in the stable a matteres a boulster ij covlētē...	xij ^s iiij ^d
Item in the mylne a matteres a boulster ij covlētē...	xij ^s iiij ^d
Item that there ys in my ladies chamber ij fetherbedē and a matteres and iij boulsters iij covlētē and a covynge w th the rest of the stiffe therto belongynge	iiij ^{lii} xij ^s iiij ^d
Item in Bulles chamber a matteres a boulster and ij covlētē	xij ^s iiij ^d
Item in Bokers chamber a matteres a boulster and ij covlētē	xij ^s iiij ^d

Item the kytchyn stiffe

Item the great panne Item ij litell pannes Item ij bygg skellete Item the great byffe pott Item the bryne pott Item the great potage pott Item a greatt pot wth the snipe in Item ij medellynge potte Item ij litell pottē Item one morter and a pestell Item one chafer a byge one Item a litell posnett wth a steale Item a great caudron Item the stiffe in the daye howse x^s Item the fornes wth the rest of the stiffe in the brue howse iiij^{lii} xij^s iiij^d Item the stiffe in the buterye Item a syl^v salte Item ij litell goblettē of syl^v wth a cov Item xijj syl^v sponnes viij^{lii} Item the rest of the stiffe in the buterie xxx^s Item for horses that I have sold viij^{lii} Item a mare and syxe horses xijj^{lii} Pewter Item ix brode dyshes Item viij narowe dyshes Item a xj smale dyshes Item viij sawcers Item a drepinge panne Item ij goberdē Item iiij broches wth the rest of the kechyn stiffe by estimacion v^{lii} Item that my husbandes buriall cost xl^{lii} Item that

the blakes cost xlii savyngē x² Item to that I have gyven to Thomas Edgerton¹ of Lynecole In a leven pounde that my husband left hym in his wyll.

[The other items are quite without interest.]

THE WILL OF SIR JOHN HOLCROFT OF
HOLCROFT, KNT.²

IN the name &c. The seconde daye of December in the yere of our Lorde God 1559 and in the seconde yere of the reyngne of our sovaygne ladye Elizabeth by the grace &c. I Sr John Holdcroft of Holcroft the elder in the countie of Lankester knyght beynges of good mynd &c. I wyll that all suche lande as I have gyven to Anne my wyff as apereth by dede that she shuld be at hyr lybertye to take the sayd lande or ellē the thryd parte of all my lande and tenement whether she wyll And also I wyll that those lande that I have gyven unto my sonnes as appereth by sevall dedes remeanyngē in the custodye of my cosyn Gylbart Gerrarde and the counter paynes lyeth in my chest where my evedensys is that they my sayd sonnes shall have and enjoye the sayd lande contened in the sayd sevall dedes accordyngē unto the purporte and effecte of the sayd dede Also

¹ There is a difference between the amount of the legacy and that paid by the executrix to Thomas Egerton, the student at Lincoln's Inn.

² Sir John Holcroft, son and heir of John Holcroft of Holcroft Esq., by Margaret, daughter and coheiress of Hamlet Massey of Rixton, married Anne, daughter of Ralph Standish of Standish Esq., and had issue, besides the sons mentioned in the will, six daughters: Anne, wife of William Radcliffe of Wimblersley Esq.; Alice, wife of Sir Thomas Hesketh of Rufford Knt.; Ellen, wife of Francis Holte of Gristlehurst Esq.; Millicent, wife of Henry Talbot of Bashall Esq.; Clemence, wife of Richard Leigh Esq. of West Hall in High Legh; and Mary, who married Peter Warburton of Warburton and Arley Esq.

I wyll that my sayd cosyn Gylbart Gerrard¹ shall have fourtie shillynge by yeare durynge his lyff accordyng to a dede w^{ch} I have made hym I wyll that Thomas Holcroft one other of my younger sonnes shall have twentye shilling^e yearly out of my landes in Bowden in the countye of Chester durynge hys lyff w^{ch} lande I am at libertye to gyve or sell Also I wyll that Henry Holcroft one other of my yonger sonnes shall have yerely durynge his lyff other xx^s out of my sayd lande in Bowdon and Rostone aforesayd I wyll that Roger Holcroft one other of my younger sonnes shall have xx^s by yere durynge his lyff out of my sayd lande in Bowdon aforesayd I wyll that Anne my wyff shall have all the tethe corne hemp and flaxe yerely growyng wthin the lordeshippes of Rysley and Pesseferlong in the countye of Laukester durynge hyr lyff payinge yerelye therfore fyve pounde to the pson or farm⁹ of Wynwycke at mydsom⁹ and Martenmas by even portyons accordyng to one dede of gyft thereof by me made to her as by the same more playnlye dothe appere And also I wyll that S^r John Holcroft my eldest sonne shall have all the tethe corne hempe and flaxe wthin the lordshippe of Culchethe and the lordshippe of Holcroft payinge therfore yerely fyve pounde to the pson or farm⁹ of Wynwycke at mydsom⁹ and M⁹tenmas by even portyons And also I wyll that my wyff shall have durynge hyr lyff the tethe barne that standethe in a close late in the holdynge of Addam Shawe to sett her corne in wthout any rent payinge durynge her lyff And also I wyll that evy one of my soninkawes shall after my deceasse have of my goode ten pounde w^{ch} is in the holl lxⁱⁱ ether in goode or ell^e in money to thentent they shall gyve the same to the maryage of one of theyere

¹ Sir Gilbert Gerard, son and heir of James (second son of William Gerard of Ince Esq.) by Margaret, daughter of John Holcroft of Holcroft, married Anne, daughter of Thomas Radcliffe and sister and heir of the half blood of William Radcliffe Esq. of Wimmersley, the testator's son-in-law, Attorney-General and Master of the Rolls to Queen Elizabeth, ancestor of Gerard Earls of Macclesfield and Lords Gerard of Gerards Bromley. — *Suffield MSS.*, and Ormerod, vol. i. p. 483.

doughters or pferment of one of there childer by the advyse of my executors yf then the have any childer a lyve and yf not then the to have the sayd money to the use onelye of them selfes Where I am in possession of a certen tenement wth I have of James Standyshe of Duckesburye Esquier for certen yeres yet induyng I wyll that Dame Anne Holcrofte my wyff shall have and enjoye the same teñt duryng all the sayd yeres and where the sayd James Standyshe standethe bownden unto me to make Anne [sic] a lease of the same I wyll that Hamlet Holcroft one of my younger sonnes shall have the pfitt therof And also wheare I have the custodye and maryage of Anne Ratclyff¹ I wyll that my executors shall use the same accordyng as Wilm Ratcliff esquier brother to the sayd Anne shall think good Also I wyll unto S^r John Holcrofte my eldest sonne and heyre of my good^c suche percell as hereafter be specifyed for the entent that he shall suffer my executors to pforme this my last wyll and testament that is to saye all suche harnes as I have to serve the kynge and quenes maiesties in ther warr^c for my owne bodye one syl^v pott gylte and also one syl^v goblett a dosanne syl^v spones a salt of syl^v gylt and my sygnet of gold And also I gyve hym a bedd wth testures of redd sarcenet the bedstockes the fether bedd and all thinges belongynge to the same bedd And also I wyll that my sayd sonne shall have the one halfe of my bed stockes and the one halfe of my cupbord^c cownters formes and longe bord^c and the one halfe of my cheres and stooles And also I gyve hym the one halfe of my waynes cartes and teames of iron to the same trease collers spad^c hatchyt^c harrowes ranges [?] and hook^c And also I wyll that my wyff shall have all the other parte of the good^c aforessayd belonginge unto husbandrye Also I gyve hym two old oxen ij stures ij mares ij kye ij hefers ij swyne and a boore xxth shepe v bushell^c of rye ten bushell^c of barlye x syffes of otes Also I wyll that my sayd sonne shall have ij longe iron spittes a great pott that my cookes are wont or used to

¹ Afterwards wife of Sir Gilbert Gerard.

sethe byeffe in I gyve halfe a garnishe of pewter vessells to my sayd sonne I gyve hym the greatest mashe fatt wth all the lead^e and the gret yealyng combe I gyve hym the greatest saltinge tubbe to salt byeff in I gyve hym a gowne yf I have any at my deathe and a blake saten dublet to thentent he shall suffer my executors to pforme this my last wyll or ell^e I wyll that he shall have no parte of my good^e I wyll that Alis Holcroft my sonnes daughter shall have xxli toward her maryage I gyve unto my wyff Dame Anne Holcroft duringe her lyff all the rest of my plate w^{ch} I have not gyven to thentente that she wylbe one other of my executors I wyll that after the deathe of my wyff that she shall leave to be gyven and to charge the executors to gyve the sayd plate unto my eldest sonne and soninlawes to be delt and distribute amongst them indeferently to thentent they wylbe good unto theyre wyff^e I gyve unto my cosyn Gylbart Ger-rard of Greis Inne one of my best horses or geldynges and one ryng of gold that hathe the seale of a horse in the same and fyve pound^e in money And I wyll that my sayd cosin shall have after the deathe of my wyff the newe howse wyth all the grownd belongyng unto the same whyche grownd I doe nowe occupye duryng his lyff payinge the rent at the dayes accustomed viij^{li} by yere to thentent he wilbe one other of my executors I gyve unto my cosyn Wallyam Gerard recordar of Chester vii^{li} to thentent he wylbe one of my executors I wyll that Hamlet Holcroft be another of my executors and have a geldynge for his peanes I wyll that evy servant man boy or woman shall have all ther wages that the be unpayd whyche the same sarved for and one yeares wages more I wyll that my wyff shall kepe all my servant^e halfe a yere at meate and drynke and lodgynge yf the so longe wyll tary wth her untyll the have pvyded them of service And also I wyll that my wyff shall not be stopped by my eldest sonne to dwell at my howse at Holcroft duryng the sayd halfe yere and in case he wyll stopp her then I wyll that he shall have no parte of good^e w^{ch} I have gyven hym I wyll that my best

apparell shalbe delt indifferently amongst my soninlawes by the advise of my executors I gyve all my ryng \mathfrak{e} unto my wyff to bestowe them one my doughters as [she] shall thinke mete after her deathe or afore Also I doe gyve &c. unto my sonne Hamlett Holcroft all that mesuage and all the land \mathfrak{e} and tenement \mathfrak{e} called Lyttell Wolden in Caldwoldshedd in the countye of Lankester late in the tenure or occupatyon of Thomas Rutter to have &c. unto the sayd Hamlett for and durynge so manye yeares as the sayd Hamlett shall fortune to lyff and after the deathe of the sayd Hamlett then I wyll that all the þmysses shall remeane unto suche wyff as the sayd Hamlett shall fortune to have at the tyme of hys deathe for her naturall lyff and after [her] deceasse then unto my executors for the pformans of my wyll the sayd Hamlett and his sayd wyff payinge yearely unto the heyres of S^r Thomas Holcroft knyght decessed the yerely rent and servys dew and accustomed Where I hold certen grownde of my brother S^r Thomas Holcroft¹ for certen yeres called Musterd Fylde the rent by yere xx^s I wyll that my sonne Thomas Holcroft shall have them payinge the rent unto the sayd S^r Thomas Holcroft hys heyres or assynes at the rent dayes accustomed accordyne to the indenture therof made I gyve &c. unto my servant James Starkie one yerely rent of xx^s durynge his lyff and hee to receave the same out of my land \mathfrak{e} in Pynnyngton Also I wyll that my executors shall receave yerely xl^s out of my land \mathfrak{e} in Pynnyngton called Pynnyngton land to the use of suche prest and chappelen as shall dwell wth me at the tyme of my deathe for terme of the lyff naturall of the sayd preist and he to serve my wyff durynge her lyff she fyndyng hym meate drinke and lodginge and after her decesse to serve my eldest sonne and yf they wyll not soe doo he to have the sayd xl^s and serve at hys pleasure I wyll that Wyllyam Clowghe and Wyllyam Whittell w^{ch} have byne my servant \mathfrak{e} lounge shall have the same tenement \mathfrak{e} w^{ch} the now

¹ Sir Thomas Holcroft of Vale Royal, an esquire of the body to King Henry VIII., knighted at Leith in 1544.

dwell in durynge ther lyff^e payinge all rent^e &c. Also I desyer my eldest sonne and heyre and also my executors that the shall see that the sayd Wyllyam Clughe and Wyllyam Whyttell to occupie ther sayd tenement^e wthout fyne payinge unto any man as the wyll answere me in an other world I wyl that my executors gyve unto the poore at my buriall vj^{li} xiij^s iiiij^d or after the sayd buryall and I wyl that my executors my son in lawes and theyre wyffes have evy one of them a blake gowne and my childer that are at my buryall in lyke case gownes and evy servant a blake coote and my pryst a blake gowne I give &c. toward^e the glasinge of Winwick church xx^s and towardes the glasinge of Standishe church xx^s Hytt is my wyl and desyre my wyff my sonne and all other that hath any land^e of my gyft that the shall not take any fynes or trowbell any tennant^e that have leases of me durynge the sayd leases nor that the shall take any fynes or gressomes of any tennant that hath payd me any money as shall appere by a booke of my hand wrytyng as the wyll answere me afore God in another world I wyl that my sonne Hamlett Holcroft shall have one harnys that ys to saye a plate coote or jacke a sallett a payre of spentes and a halbert and in lyke case Thomas Holcroft and James Starkye evy one of them a harnys and all thinge as is aforesayd the resydue of all my goodes my dett^e and legasys well and trewly contented and payd and my body browght to Christen buryall I wyl that the shall be dyvyded my good^e one to my selfe the w^{ch} I gyve the one halfe to my wyff and the other part to my sonnes into thrie part^e wherof I wyl my wyff shall have one part and the other part^e to be equally devyded amongst my sonnes Hamlett Thomas Harry and Roger I wyl that in case the tennant^e of Culchethe wyl purches vj^{li} xiij^s iiiij^d of land to be made suer for ev^e to hyer a pryst wth and that he shall have for hys wages vii^{li} xiij^s iiiij^d and the clarke xx^s then I wyl and gyve toward the same my best cheane of gold or the valew therof and in case that the wyl bye no land then I gyve them x^{li} of money toward the hyryng^e of a

pryst then the rest of my cheane to be devydyd betwyxte my wyff and my sonnes Wher ther is a seddule hereto annexed what grownd lyeth to my new howse of wch I wyll my cosyn Gerrard shall have payinge the rent aforesayd I shall desyer hym that in case he wyll not dwell at hytt hym selfe then he to lett Hamlet Holcroft my sonne to have yt by a reasonable rent Item I gyve to my sayd sonne Hamlet Holcroft y^e lande wch I purchest of Robart Mather and now in the tenure &c. of Christofer Gest to have &c. to the sayd Hamlet during his naturall lyff Item I gyve unto Mathew Bottell my svant xl¹ Item I gyve unto John Braddell¹ for the love I bere to hym xx¹ in money desyryng hym to be frendly to my chyldren Also I doo make my trustye and welbelovyd wyff Dame Anne Holcroft my welbeloved cosyn Gylbart Gerrard esquier the quenes maiesties gefall atturney my trustie cosyn and frend Wyllyam Gerrard esquier recordar of Chester and my sonne Hamlett Holcroft [my executors] And also I desyer the ryght honorable eyrle of Darbye that in case my executors cannot agrey wth my childer then hys lordshyp to call them afore hys sayd lordshipe and to make an end amongst them and his lordshipe to have vjli xiiij^s iiiij^d for hys peanes And I make thes my supvisors my son in lawes that is to say Thomas Haskythe knyght Peter Warburton esquier Wyllyam Ratcliff esquier Harry Talbot esquier ffrancys Holte esquire and Richard Ley esquier In witnes wherof &c. I gyve to S^r Thomas Stanley my velvett gowne wch is unlyned Unto Rychard Massye of Ryxton esquier the velvett coote wch was my brothers Unto my cosyn John Culchet my satten coote Unto Thomas Swytloff one cow wth calfe or one hefer wth calfe and two busshell of barlye Unto my sonne Hamlett Holcroft my best cloke Unto Edward Shawe two bullockes I wyll that where I had a mare of John Rysley that hys chyldren shall have money for her at the

¹ John Braddell of Brockholes and Whalley Esq.; like the Holcrofts, a large purchaser of abbey lands.

syght of neghbours Unto Anne Shawe the howse w^{ch} was her faders.

[Extracts from "A trew and lawfull Inventorye of all singuler good^e dett^e and cattell^e w^{ch} where S^r John Holcroft^e knyght at the tyme of his deathe praysed the v daye of februarii and afowre that daye by Charles Sothurne James Bate John Pendulton John Lyon and others."]

Cattell.

Inp^rmis v yocke of oxen p^rce of evy yocke one

w th another v marke	xvj ^{li}	xij ^s iiijd ^d
Item xxvj kyne the p ^r ce for evy cow xxix ^s	xxxvij ^{li}	xj ^s
Item ix stewres the p ^r ce xxij ^s a pece	x ^{li}	vij ^s iiijd ^d
Item xxvij twynturs p ^r ce xvij ^s a pece	xxiiij ^{li}	iiij ^s
Item xix calves	vij ^{li}	
Item ij colte of ij yeres old xx ^s a pece		xl ^s
Item one wyt mare the p ^r ce iiiij mark ^e		liij ^s iiijd ^d
Item one dunne mare.....		vj ^s viijd ^d
Item one grey nagge		xxxiiij ^s iiijd ^d
Item one baye geldynge		xxvj ^s viijd ^d
Item lvij wethers ij ^s a pece	vij ^{li}	xj ^s
Item xj tuppes ij ^s ij ^d a pece		xxiiij ^s x ^d
Item c and ix ewes ij ^s iiijd ^d a pece	xij ^{li}	xij ^s iiijd ^d
Item lxxvij lambes ij ^s a pece.....	vij ^{li}	vj ^s
Item xxxij swyne v ^s a pece.....	vij ^{li}	

Corne.

Item viij syffes of ott ^e batynge ij mett ^e at viij ^s . the syffe	ijj ^{li}	ij ^s
Item v bossell of barlye at vij ^s the bossell		xxxv ^s
Item viij bussell of barlye vj ^s viijd ^d the bussell.....		
Item v bussell lyght ott ^e at xvjd ^d the bussell		vj ^s viijd ^d

Item a bussell of weate	xvj ^s
Item ij mett ^e	vij ^s

Syl^v and Plate.

Inprmis in money	lxvij ^{li}
Item a bassyn and an ewer of syl ^v	xij ^{li}
Item ij cannes of syl ^v	vij ^{li}
Item a nest of goblett ^e of syl ^v	ijij ⁱⁱ
Item a nest of bowles	iiij mark ^e
Item ij cuppes of syl ^v	xl ^s
Item a standyng cuppe of syl ^v	xl ^s
Item iij syl ^v saltes ij of them w th cov ^s	xl ^s
Item syl ^v spones ij dosyn and x spones	vij ^{li}

Howsehold stuff at Holcroft.

Item in the corrall chamber hengett w th yalowe and blue buckeram	xl ^s
Item in the lityll chamber next unto the corner chamber	
Item in the medull chamber above hengett w th old tapester	
Item in the grene chamber hengett aboute w th panted ares worke	
Item in the great chamber called the dynynge parler havinge hengynge in the wyndowes of yalowe and read sea	ijij ^{li}
Item in the red chamber henget abowte w th red paynted worke	
Item in on of hyest chambers ov ^e the gate hanget w th paynted worke of yalowe and redd	
Item in the other in y ^e parler of the heyst cham- bers henget wyt yalowe and blue	vij ^s viij ^d

Item xij quysshions	ijij ^{li}	v ^s
Item a carpet in the sayd parler	ijij ^{li}	xij ^s iijj ^d

In the Butterye at the newe hall.

In p ^r mis iij pewter saltes	ij ^s
Item ij flagyns for wyne.....	vijj ^s
Item ij dosen of plate trenchers.....	vijj ^s
Item xij candulstyckes	xx ^s
Item vj pewter cannes	xvj ^s
Item ij dosyn of boxe trenchers.....	vijj ^d

THE WILL OF EDWARD JANNY OF MANCHESTER,
MERCHANT.¹

IN the name &c. the xxijth day of July in the yeare of our Lord God a thowsand ffyve hundrethe ffyfty and three I Edward Janny of Manchester in the countie of Lancaster marchaunt beyng not sicke nor dyseased but of good and pfecte mynd and memorie &c. &c. ffyrst and pryncipally I offer gyve and bequethe my soule to allmyghtie God or Lady Saynt Marye and all the blessed company of heaven trutinge by the merytes of Christ^e passion yt to be on of the nomber that shalbe elect and chosen into evlastynge glorye there to be and remeyne wth Abraham Isaach and Jacob in the kyngdome of heaven and my body to be buried in the pishe churche of Manchester or wheare hyt shall please almyghtye God I wyll that my wyfe shall have all my howshold good^e in Manchester holy to her selfe And also all my howses shoppes and tackes in Manchester durynge her lyff she payinge all rent^e and duties for the same (the

¹ No date of probate. For a notice of the testator see *Notitia Cestr.* vol. i. p. 314, *Note* 11.

shop and higher shop and chamber o^v the same w^{ch} I nowe occupie my selfe reserved) And also the thrid pte of all my good^e yf she be so contentyd And yf she be not then I wyll that upon my cost^e my executors and she doe take ij lerned men and the indyfferentlye to see what the lawe wyll she shuld have and she to have the same wthout further busynes I wyll &c. imedyatly after her decesse all my howses shopp^e gardeyns and tackes w^{ch} I have in Manchester (the tavne at the Smythe Dowre only reserved) to Henry Aleyn hys heyres and assignes for ev^v I wyll that the sayd Henry have xxii^{li} of money he to help hys mother as he shall see cause or as she have nede Also I wyll gyve &c. to her sonne Robt xli^{li} And more o^v where I have an advowson and lease of the vicarage of Hawden whereof certeyn yeres be yet remeynyng for certeyn consyderac^{ons} me movynge I gyff &c. all my ryght tytle &c. w^{ch} I have in the same to my frend Robert Vaudraye his heyres and assignes upon condycyon that he or they do make at all tymes to Thomas Vaudray brother to the sayd Robert V. or his assignes at ther demande one sure suffi-
cient and lawfull assuraunce of all the howsynge and glebe land^e of the sayd vycarage wth all other esyament^e that to the same do be longe to have to hym and his assignes durynge all my sayd terme and lease of the same wthout any rent payinge And also that the sayd Robert and his heyres ayde hym in all his ryghtfull causes in all other land^e and tackes now lyinge to the same And where I have payd to Thomas Mynshull for two closes and one medowe for x yeres yet to come I forgyffe hym and his wyff all the same wth vli^{li} w^{ch} he oweth me more upon condycyon he suffer the sayd Thomas V. to occupye the sayd closes durynge hys lyff he payinge to the sayd Thomas or his assignes xxij^s by yeare durynge the sayd terme And also the sayd Thomas Mynshull takynge suche a waye wth my especyall mayster S^r John Holcroft knyghte as he be contented wth for the same occupacyon And yf the sayd Thomas M. do not take suche a waye as before is sayd then I wyll he shall pay to the sayd

Thomas V. the sayd some of v*l* and suffer hym to occupye the sayd grownd accordynge to thagrement made betwene hym and me I gyff to John Janny of Northerden all suche debts as he owethe me and all the occupacyon of suche grownd as I hold of hym in Tymperley I gyff to Edward Jannye sonne of the sayd John my god sonne ij*l* v*j*s viij*d* To Rauffe Janny xl*s* and to evy one of his chyldren ij*s* iiiij*d* To Alys Chatterton daughter of George Chatterton xx*tie* nobles in recompence of all reconyng ϵ betwyxt her father and me yf any were Also to the mother of Elizabeth Sutton v*l* xiiij*s* iiiij*d* to be bestowed amongster hir chyldren as she thynkyth good To my servaunte M^o gery Lees and Elizabeth Lees to eyther of theym fourtie shilling ϵ To Elizabeth Janny daughter of my unkell James Janny xl*s* to be put into an honest mans kepyng ϵ and delyved her as nede shall requyre To the wyff of Richard Royle xx*s* To Isabell her suster v*j* viij*d* To the chyldren of Rondull Manwarynge xl*s* in recompence of all reconyng ϵ betwyxt my brother Gee¹ and me yf any were and suche moneye as he owethe me to be alowed in the same Where Rychard Shalcrosse and I have a purchasse of the tayne at the Smythe Dore in Manchester I gyff my pte of the same to my godson Edward Shalcrosse and hys heyres sone to the same Rychard he makynge sufficent and lawfull assurannce of xiiij*s* iiiij*d* yerely to be payd for ev^y fourthe of the same to the churche wardens of Manchester for the tyme beyng ϵ to be by theym yerely bestowed on the repacyon of the conduit there And yf there be not way taken that the sayd conduit may be suffered and mayntayned there for the comen welthe of the sayd towne I wyll that the sayd churche wardens do bestowe and gyff the same yerely for ev^y to the most pore and nedye people of the towne of Manchester forsayd To George Jonson xl*s* of money and all suche debte as he owethe me To the executors of Wyllyam Prowlaf xl*s* in

¹ Probably Henry Gee, citizen and alderman of Chester, who appointed his brother Edward Janny overseer of his will dated 2nd September 1545. He owned lands in Manchester and considerable estates in Cheshire.

recompence of suche money as he shuld have had fourthe of the howse of Pyers Hall To John Pedley xl^s and to Wyllyam Hardey iijs^s iiijd^d To Hamnet Worseley xij^s iiijd^d To Wyllm Parker and Roger Urmeston to eyther of theym iijs^s iiijd^d To the chyldren of Thomas Massye of Apethrope xij^s iiijd^d to be devyded amongst theym as my executors shall thynke most nedefull To the chyldren of Edmunde Guden xij^s iiijd^d to be lyke wyse devyded I gyff to Adam Holland my bowe and arrowes To the sonne of John Canocke my godson vjs^s viijd^d and to evy godson I have iiijd^d To the wyff of Edward Sympson of Bawden a pere of hose of what clothe she wyll in the shop To Edward Glov^v and Alyss Sedall to eyther of theym v^s To Thomas Assheton of Manchester Edward Royle of Tymperley M⁹garet daughter of Rychard Massye of Oldfeld John Massye of Manchester to evy of theym iijs^s iiijd^d To the chyldren of John Hylton iijs^s iiijd^d To the wyff of Thomas Assheton to Thomas Laborer the wyff of Elize Sedull Wyllyam Hulton Rauffe Rausson John Veyrey Rauff Hylton James Warton and Nycholas Hechemoght to evy of theym ij^s I wyll that my executors shall bestowe evy weke duryng one whole yere next after my decesse v^s amongst the pore and especyalyle amoung the nyde [needy] sycke foulke of the towne were the thynke most nedye by thadvyce of Mestres Bekke To Alyson Gebon one Henry Janson of Tymperley to eyther of theym xij^d To the mendyng of the lane betwyxt Altryncham and the logher end of Tymperley xij^s iiijd^d To the mendyng of the lane and makynge of the brydge betwyxt Tymperley Grene and Halefeld xij^s iiijd^d To the porest howse holders in Bawden pyshe to be bestowed by the dyscretyon of my executors iijs^s vjs^s viijd^d I do forgyff all suche debtes as be wrytten in a byll remaynyng wth this my last wyll accordyngley as they be there in wrytten I wyll that my executors do gather in my debtes by gentylnes and not by the lawe yf the may other wyse have theym I gyff to my suster M⁹garet vj^{li} To her sonne Edward my good wyll of my howse in Tymperley wherin my suster M⁹garett dwellythe by lycence of my

mayster S^r Rychard Bullen knyght desyryng hym to be good mayster to hym my executors agreynge wth hym for the same I wyll that Jarvys Tetlowe shall have my best gowne faced wth damaske My gowne of new color faced wth chamlet I wyll that Thomas Cropper shall have To Thomas Hunt glov³ my new colered gowne that ys ffurred and faced wth budge I gyff the rest of all my other garment^e to Henry Aleyn I wyll bequethe &c. all my land^e teint^e &c. wth I have purchased of Wilm Chatterton (the Cloghe Ryddynge only except) to my frend and kynseman Robert Vaudray¹ to have and to hold to hym and his heyres and assignes to hys and there only pper use he makynge suffycyent assuraunce of iiiij^l yerely to be payd to a suffycyent and honest scole mayster to kepe a ffre scole at Bawden to instruct youthe in vertue and lerninge And also the sayd Robert V. payinge to Alexander Kyrsha threscore pound^c w^{ch} I owght to hym I wyll that he gyff and make one sure suffycyent and lawfull annuytie of xx^s by yere to my servant Thomas Janny for terme of hys lyff and on other dutie of xx^s by yere unto Thomas Pilkynton for terme of hys lyff I beqwethe to Thomas Janny and Rauff Hopwood my servaunte eyther of theym iiij^l vj^s viij^d Also I wyll that John Orell shall have xx^{li} of the last payment he ought me forgyven hym he doinge and kepynge all his other payment^e justly and truly I wyll that all these my legacies bequest^e and gyft^e as be nedfull shalbe wth all spede be fulfylled and pformed and yf my debt^e can not be spedely had to fulfull all theym I wyll that those that my executors thynke by ther dyscretyon have lest ned and mey best tarry and bayre the same so to theym gyffen shall tarrye the tyme till the sayd dette be gotten in And also I wyll that yf my good^e wyll not

¹ Robert Vawdrey of Riddings Gent., by will dated 12th February 1567-8, entails lands in Cheshire upon his children subject to a payment "to an honest and learned schoolemaster duryng all such tyme as he shall teach grammar schoole at Bowdon or Altringham yearly iiiij^l xvj^d." This no doubt is the reason why Vawdrey has had the credit of being the founder of the school, while it is really due to the liberal and benevolent Manchester merchant.

extend to paye and pforine all these my legacies and bequest^e that my executor^e shall abate as the thynke good by theire dyscretyon from suche as they thynke may best beyre and for goe the same And yf there be any oþplus then I wyll that my sayd executors shall dystribute the same amongst my pore frend^e as they shall thynke nedefull And I ordyn &c. and make my most trusty frend^e Robert Vaudray of the Ryddynge gen^t Rychard Shalcrosse Thomas Redyson of Manchester m⁹chaunt and Henry Aleyn my executors &c. And for theyre paynes therin to be taken I wyll that evy on of theym have fyve m⁹ks In witnes &c. These beyng witnes Thomas Pilkington Robt Leghe and others.

THOME LEYLAND DE MORLAYES ARMIGERI
TESTAMENTUM¹ CUM INVENTORIO.

TN Dei noïe Amen The second day off Apryll in the yeare off owr Lord God a thowsand fyve hundrethe threscore and twoe and in the ffourthe off the reygne off owr soveraygne Ladye Elizabeth

¹ Proved 23rd September 1564. Sir William Leyland of Morleys Knt. married Anne, daughter and heiress of Allen or Alan Singleton of Withgill in the county of York, by whom he left a son and heir, Thomas Leyland the testator, Anne, wife of Henry Blundell of Crosby Esq., and Margaret, wife of Thomas Parr of Parr Esq.—*Harl. MSS.* 1549, fo. 59; and 1408, fo. 159. Margaret Parr afterwards married a Byrom. From the *Suffield MSS.* it appears that Sir William married Alice, daughter of Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford Knt. She would be a second wife, and afterwards married Sir Urian Brereton of Honford Knt. by whom she had a family. Sir William Leyland's inquisition post mortem is dated 1 Edward VI., at which time his son and heir Thomas was 83 years of age. Thomas Leyland his son and heir married Anne, daughter of George Atherton of Atherton Esq., by whom he had a daughter and heiress, Anne, wife of Edward, younger son of Thurstan Tildeley of Wardley, Esq. See p. 97. In Fox's *Acts and Monuments*, vol. iii. pp. 775-6, fol. ed. 1684, there is an account of Mr. Leyland's search for and examination of Jeffrey Hurst, brother-in-law of George Marsh the martyr, who would have been committed to Lan-

&c. I Thomas Leylande off the Morlayes wthin the countie off Lancaster esquier beinge in good healthe &c. doe ordeyne &c. this my last will and testament in man^l &c. ffyrst I geve and bequeethe my soule into the handes off Almyghtye God owr Ladye Saynt Marye and all the holye companye off saynt^q in heaven and my bodye to chris-tian buryall wthin my owne chapell at Leyghe churche called Saynt Nycolas chapell my feate neare adyoyinge to my alter And my mynd and will is to have a ffayre stone layed over me wth scripture sett rounde aboute upon the sayd stone as hereafter ensuethe Praye for the sowle off Thomas Leylond esquier sonne and heyre off S^r Willm Leylond knyght w^{ch} heare lyethe Buryed the daye and yeare as Almyghtye God shall apoynte And also to have an image off brassee as ys used upon the same stone And to have throttene blacke gownes geven to poore [sic] And evye one off my howshold yomen servant^q to have a blacke coete accordynge to the use off the countrye Also I geve &c. to my servant S^r Rauff Parker preist yf he be lyvynge after my deceasse fyve poundes yearlye duringe the terme off my lease w^{ch} I have in the teathe cornes and graynes of Astle to be taken upp off the same duringe all the terme off all the yeares w^{ch} shall chaunce not to be determined expended and expyred the daye of my deathe And off [if] my sayd lease w^{ch} I have off John Urmetston wyll nott extende so ffarre That the sayd S^r Rauff to have to make hit upp ffyve pound^q off the lease w^{ch} I have off Anne Blundell my suster And yff the sayd S^r Rauff decease afore the ende off the sayed leases then ffowre poundes off the sayd lease to goe to S^r Robert Taylyor duringe the sayd terme yff he be then lyvinge And yff hit chance the sayd S^r Robert then to be depted then the sayd ffoure powndes yearlye to be bestoed upon some other honest preist

caester had not the death of Queen Mary prevented it. His death was sudden; for "in July, as the foresaid Tho^u Lelond sate in his chair talking with his friends, he fell down suddenly dead, not much moving any joint: and such was his end; from such God us defend." — P. 777. His age was about fifty years.

duringe the sayd terme off the sayd lease by the dyscretion off my executors Also I geve to the amendyngē and reypearinge off my sayd chapell att Leighe fortye shillinge to be bestoed uppon it suche tymes as neede shall requiare Also I geve to S^r Robert Taylyor yff he be alyve att my decesse x^s And to S^r Symond Bradshaye yf he be alyve att my deceasse vj^s viij^d And to everye preste off the sayd pisshe off Leyghe the day off my buryall xij^d And to all other preste^s viij^d a pice Also I geve &c. to everye one off poore howsholders dwellinge wthin Astele iij^d a pice Also whereas I am att libertye att my pleasure to geve and bequeathe the yearelye rent^s and profette^s off tenne pound^s [from] landes by yeare to my daughter Alis Leylonde unto suche tyme as twoe hundrethe m⁹kes be taken uppe toward^s her maryage p^{er}ment and advancemēt hit is my mynde and will that my executor^s shall se a dede accomplished wth was mayd by [me] the sayd Thomas Leylond unto my sayd dowghter Alis berynge date the twentye day off februarye in the ffourthe yeare off the raygne off owre soveraigne ladye Quene Elizabeth &c. accordyngē to the trew entente and meanyngē off the same dede Also wheareas I have gyven and delyvered unto my servante yomen whos names be subscribed in a sedull hereunto adnexed assygned wth my hand everye one off them a sil^v sponne wth T and L upon the ende and everye off them xx^s in moneye and I nowe to have the use off theym duryngē my naturall lyfe accordyngē to a dede theroff made hit is my mynde and will that the same spones and money shalbe delyvered the daye off my buryall or wthin tenne dayes next folowynge att after my decease accordinge to the trew entente and meanyngē off the dede to my servants I gyve unto John Perkeynson one incalfe cowe Unto Thomas Woodborne my bed wth standes in my chamber neare unto my chapell wth twoe covleett^s ij blankette^s ij shet^s the ffether bedd and the bolster To my suster M⁹garett Byrome and Elizabeth Sutton ayther a blacke gowne and eyther an owle ryall off gold And to my suster Anne Blundell wydowe a blacke gowne and

a dowblett dokett And to my baster sonne Roger Leylonde syx
poundes and iiij syl^v spones towardes his helpe succor and pferment
Also I gyve &c. to hym that shall wryte this my last wyll x^s To my
executors every one off them a blacke gowne Also I have gyven by
dēde to everye one off my worke servant^c iijs iiij^d a pice bothe men
and women To my cosin Grace Shirburne now wyff to Roger Shir-
burne gent a payre off flaxen shet^c Unto Wilm Wolffall one cowe
incalfe Also I gyve &c. one shorte worsted gowne wth all my
apparell w^{ch} is mayd and shapen for my bodye to my servant^c w^{ch}
be in the chamber about me in my sycknes that is to saye Thomas
Woodborne Wilm Wolffall Jhon Perkynson and Jhon Spekemon
silk saten damaske and worsted onlye excepted Also wheare I am
bounden to leave twoe greate leades and one iron coffer att my howse
called the Morlayes it is my mind and will that my executors shall
delyver the same to my ryght heyres off the Morlayes there to remayne
as heyre lomes for ever accordyng to the obligacion whearein I stande
bounden to S^r Uryan Brereton and others off my ffathers executors
Also I gyve &c. to my suster Anne Blundell wydowe one ffetherbed
twoe covlette ij payre off newe flaxen shet^c a payre off blankett^c and
a bolster To my cosin Wilm Talbott one ryng wth a seale off stone
off redd Unto my cosin John Talbott of Salisburye esquier eyther a
sattyn or a damaske gowne wheather shall please hym and also my
howpe off gold Unto John Urmeston a ringe of gold wth a diamond
in hit and a gowne Also it is my mynde and will that all my hows-
hold servant^c bothe men and women shalbe kepte to gether uppon
my cost^c and charge the space off one hole monthe next after my
decease at my howse called the Morlayes I will that my executor^c
shall geve blacke at my buryall att theire discretion Also I gyve &c.
unto Thomas Tyldisley sonne unto my sonne in lawe Edward Tyldis-
ley twoe sil^v spones and one angell off gold Unto my worshipfull
cosin S^r Rychard Shirburne knyght one ryng off gold wth a turke
stone in hit Unto my nevye Rychard Blundell one ffetherbed and

all thinges thearunto belonginge And also I ordeyne &c. my welbeloved cosin John Talbott off Salisburye esquier John Urmeston genf and S^r Rauff Pker preist my executors And my ryght worshypfull cosin S^r Rychard Shirburne knyght supvisor In witness &c. thes being witnes off the same George Caterall James Bolton Wilm Wolfall John Spakeman Thomas Clyffe et aliis.

Inventoriū oīm et singulorū bonorū et catellorū que fuerunt Thome Leylonde armigeř nup defunc̄ vere apprecaſ p Johem Southworthe Johem Massie Ranulphū Smythe et Robtū Traves.

In primis xxij fether beddes xxvij bolsters xj pillowes xxx covlette^c l blankette^c vj bed covinges ij sayes and one quylte xxxijⁱⁱ ix^d Item ij carpette^c ij cobord clothes xxj^a Item xxvj quysshens l^c Item the byff pott and one calderon xxix^a Item v other pottes and iiij little pannes xx^a Item iiij chafynge dysshes and ij brasen ladelle ij^a x^d Item ij fryinge pannes and one fleshe hooke xij^d Item iiij kytchyn knyves viij^d Item iiij grydyrones ij drypinge pannes iron rack^c Item pott hookes mole ironnes and viij iroñe spittes xij^a Item one brasen morter one pestell and a fleshe axe vij^a Item iiij garnysshe off pewter ij old dysshes and vj potengers vⁱⁱ vj^a viij^d Item v payre off ffyretonges xx^d Item in the daye howse iiij pannes one potte wyth all treen vessell in the same xxvij^a iiij^d Item in the backe howse one brasse panne vj^a viij^d Item one cage wth cole and cañell v^a vj^d Item xx payre off canvas shet^c l^c Item xxxj payre off flaxen shet^c xⁱⁱ Item xj bord clothes and one diap clothe xij^a Item xj towelle^c and xxxix buterye napkens xvij^a viij^d Item ix worse bord clothes and ix worse towelle^c xij^a Item xix pillowbeares xxij^a Item a damaske gowne a saten gowne and a velvet cote xⁱⁱ Item ij saten dublett^c and one velvet gyrykyne xx^a Item one velvett hatt and one velvett cappe xij^a iiij^d Item ij wolsted gownes ij clothe gownes ij clothe cotes ij payre off hose one dublet j cloke vⁱⁱ Item iiij carchaffes xij shirt^c and iiij napkennes xlivij^a iiij^d Item xxvij payre off bedstockes liij^a iiij^d Item in

sponnes lx onces and iij also one goblett wth a cover xij onces also one salt wth a cover duble gylt xij onces also one other salt wth a cover and pcell gylte viij onces also silv^{er} cuppes and ij covers xxj onces xxvⁱⁱ vijs Item one cheane off golde xxxvijⁱⁱ Item iiiij bassines iiiij ewers ij pewter cannes ij voyders ij pewter salt^e and xij sawser trenchers xxvij^s Item xiiij candelstickes off maslen and ij off tynne xv^s Item vj almeres vj cupbordes and iiiij counters xlvj^s viij^d Item vessel^e in the larder xij^s iiiij^d Item in the brewhowse xij stond^e iiiij keares iij hogshed^e xxxij^s iiiij^d Item ij brendrethes v arkes ij deyshenes xxix^s iiiij^d Item all the bed henginges in all the howse xxx^s Item a leade in the kylne vij^s viij^d Item instrument^e pteyng^e to husbandrye of irō hengblete^e liij^s iiiij^d Item xv colffers a bassine and a ewer and a washinge bassen iij^{li} viij^s Item a sumpter sadle and a stoned horse iij^{li} Item xij styrkes x twinters and x oxen xxxvijⁱⁱ Item xiiij calves and xvij kyne xxvij^{li} x^s Item xij old horses and one baye geldinge ix^{li} iij^s iiiij^d Item iij boares ij sowes and xx yonge swyne v^{li} xvij^s viij^d Item vij fatt beasse x^{li} Item xvij gese and xl duckes xj^s viij^d Item and [sic] acrees off barlye and xxij acrees of otes xxxvij^{li} Item ij acrees and a halffe in wheate v^{li} Item xij acrees off haye and ij yonge mayres viij^{li} Item iij hundrethe loode off turves xl^s Summa totalis cccxj^{li} iiiij^s iiiij^d.

M^d that the ffun^{fl}all expence^e and buryall cōythe to in all lxx^{li} Dett^e owynge by the sayd Thomas Leylonde liij^{li} ijs vjd.

Thees be the names off my servante yomen to whome I have [bequeathed] the said spōnes and money unto as followeth In p^rmis Edmonde Leye xx^s and a spōne [The same to] Wylyam Wolfall Thomas Wodborne John Spakeinā Thomas Beselaye Thomas Clyffe John Pkinson Nicolas Woorslaye Item Wifm Ptington xx^s.

**RICARDI BRERETON DE LEY¹ ARMIGERI DEFUNCTI
TESTAMENTUM CUM INVENTORIO.**

IN the name &c. The xxijth daye of februarii in the yeare of our Lorde God 1557 I Richarde Brereton of the Ley in the countie of Chester esquier beyng hole in bodie and of pfecte memorie thank^e be to our Lord God omnipotent but dreadinge the unctayne houre of deathe when itt shall come wh^{ch} is naturallye incident to all men do make my last will and testament in man^{er} and forme folowinge fyrste I bequethe my sowle to almyghtye God maker of all thinges and to our blessed Ladie &c. Imp^rmis I do give &c. unto my sonne and heire apparent George Brereton two salt^e of silv^{er} gilte thone wth a cov^{er} to the same saute belonginge and another litle trencher salte of silv^{er} and gilte wth a cov^{er} to the same belonginge Unto my said sonne George Brereton thirteyne greate silv^{er} sponnes wth gilte kneppes uppon the endes of everye of them and two l^enes beyng a P and a B graven upon everye of them Unto my sayd sonne George a drinkinge cuppe of silv^{er} and gilte wth a cov^{er} to the same cuppe belonginge Unto my sayd sonne George a greate maser bounde aboute wth silv^{er} two greate ring^e of base gould upon either of them a seale thone is graven wth a beast lyng^e under a tree and thother havinge a dyamonde in the same Unto my said sonne George Brereton my chayne of gould wayinge thirtie and three pounde [sic] Unto my said sonne George B. one greate chalice beinge dowble gilte Unto my two dowghters Anne B. and Jane B. all the residewe and rest of my goodes moveable and unmoveable and debt^e dewe unto my executors to be equallye devyded and distributed betwixe them That in case either of my said dowghters dye before the tyme of her maryage then that

¹ He was younger son of Sir William Brereton of Brereton Knt., and married Thomasine, daughter and heiress of George Ashley of Ashley Esq. See p. 185.

the same said porcōn of goodē and debtē to her that shall happen so to decease appoynted shalbe to the pfermēt and maryage of her said sister then lyvinge If itt fortune both my said dowghters to dye before they be maried then my said sonne George B. shall have all suchē goodē as I have bequethed to my said two dowghters That my welbe[loved] mother dame Elener Brereton widowe shall have thuse and occupacōn of all my goodē in this will and inventorye conteyned duringe her naturall lyef if itt be her pleasure so to have That the executors of this my last will hereafter named duringe and bye all the terme that my said dowghters or either of them shalbe unmaryed shall have the occupaçon and receyve thissues ffrutē rentē and pffettē of the late chauntrye of or Ladye of St Johns in Chester to thonlye use of my said dowghters and either of theym untill suchē tyme they and either of them shalbe unmaryed of and for the bringinge up and fyndinge of theym w^{ch} said late chauntrye I have and houlde by reason of a lease heretofore made by S^r Peter Brereton clarke nowe deceased and the deane and chapter of St Johns in Chester Unto S^r John Dye chaplen a lytell chalice of silver that I lende unto my father in lawe George Assheleye esquier I do constitute as myne executors my welbe[loved] mother Dame Elenor Brereton widowe S^r Uryan Brereton knight George Assheleye esquier and S^r John Dye chaplen In witnes &c.

The inventorye of the goodes and cattalls late of Richard Brereton esquier appreysed by the othes of Wifm Cotgrave of Chester inholder Wifm Dod of Chester m⁹chaunt Wifm Dod of the same sherman and Robert Brokē of Upton the ij^d daye of Novemb anno Dñi 1558 by thappoynment of the Reverende Father in God Cuthbert Bisshopp of Chester.

Att Ley nere Mydlewiche.

In the chapell.

On vestement of unwatered chamlett w th a crosse of red velvet an albe an amys a corporis and a case a stole a ffannon a girdell of whyte threedes.....	xij ^s iiiij ^d
One fayre masse booke of parchment	x ^s
On broken bell w th out a clapper by estimacion on half hundrethe weight	xv ^s
On sacringe bell	vij ^d
On starre w th a glasse in the mydle	xx ^d

In the greate plor.

On fetherbed a boulster two pillowes and two blankett ^e beynge very oulde and full of hooles	xij ^s iiiij ^d
I ^t m ould red mantell	ij ^s

In the litle plor.

On feither bed a boulster ij pillowes iij curtens a covlett and an oulde coveryng	xxvj ^s viij ^d
The hanging ^e abowte the chamb ^b of steyned buckeram...	xx ^s

In the chamb^b ov the chappell.

A feitherbed a boulster ij pillowes ij ould quilkes a tes- torne and thre curtens of course stayned fustyan w th a trusse bed and an oulde covynge off Dorneke.....	xxxij ^s iiiij ^d
On quyssion of silke wroghte w th a neyld and lyned w th blewe saten	v ^s
On oulde carpett quyssyon	xij ^d
On quyssyon of Cruelles	ij ^s
On lytle tressell	vij ^d

In the greate chamb̄ ov the greate plor.

On feare carven bed case	xx ^b
On fether bedd	x ^b
The hanginges aboue the stone chamb̄ ov and besydes the steynige w th my ladie payd for	xx ^b
On old throwen chere	iiij ^d
On turnige chere	xvj ^d

In the chamb̄ ov the litle plor.

On feare carven bed case	xiiij ^b iiij ^d
On litle carven bed case.....	vj ^b viij ^d
Two throwen cheres	x ^d

In the halle.

On cupbord w th a course voate [sic]	vij ^b
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In the logher plor.

Thre curtens and a testorne of steyned clothe	iiij ^b iiij ^d
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In the Rose chamb̄.

The hanginge aboue the same ov and besydes the staynige w th is affermed to be payd for by my Ladie	x ^b
On trusse bed case	v ^b
A testorne and iij curtens of course steyned fustyon.....	vj ^b viij ^d
On cubberde	v ^b
On payre of virginalls	xxxiiij ^b iiij ^d
On lute	iiij ^b
iij old broken vyalle	iiij ^b
On close presse	x ^b
On joyned cofer	vj ^b
Two flannders cheste bounde w th iron	xxvj ^b viij ^d

Two launde irons on fyre shewe and one payre of tonge trymmmed w th brasse	x ^a
One bakinge ston of iron	ij ^a vj ^d
On pan of brasse to cov th the same w th	iiij ^a
On brolinge iron.....	xx ^d
On broche	ij ^a vj ^d
On other little broche and a bridd broche	vijj ^d
On wat th pott of pewter	xij ^d
Two cheres.....	x ^d
A polaxe and a huntinge staffe	xvj ^d
Two brusshes	vijj ^d
On payre of spurres	vijj ^d
A morter and a pestell	vj ^a vijj ^d

In the litle loft next to the Rose chamb.	
A packe sadell for a sumpter horse w th thapp th tennc ^c	iiij ^a iiiij ^d
An old hayvye sadell	ij ^a
A brydell bytt for a greate horse ..	xij ^d

Cattell.

On bay mare	xxijj ^a iiiij ^d
On bay fyllie	xxv ^a
On blake stoned horse ..	c ^a

In the joyned coffer in the said Rose chamb.	
On box of evye for a pyxe ..	iiij ^d
Two greate christalls to sett upon image feete	ij ^a
One dozen of yellowe silke poyntes viij rybben poynt ^c and a pece of redde bobben silke lace	vj ^d
A dozen skynnes of whyte blake and blewe threedee.....	ijj ^d
Fouré broken peces of redd saten	xij ^d
On girdell of whyte silke	xij ^d

Two bells for a sump ³ horse	vj ^d
Two litle caskett ³ on coved w th velvet and thother bounde w th iron	xij ^d
Certen gardes of old velvett	iiij ^d
An old standishe.....	j ^d
On feare greate payre of amb ³ bayd ³ on shorte payre of amb ³ bayd ³ viz. ix bayd ³ and on payre of wood bayd ³	ij ^s

Plate in the said coffer.

On great maser bole bounde wth sil³ by estymacion xxxvth
ownnce comonly called St. Worburge bowlevij^{li}

In the Librarye.

On masse boke of pohement	vj ^s viij ^d
The story of Huon of Burdeax	xvij ^d
The storye of the Syege of Troye beynge old	x ^d
A boke to distill waters	xvj ^d
Two litle bok ³ of huntinge and hakinge	vj ^d
Two comūion boke.....	
Ortus vocabulorū	xij ^d
A boke of sophistār	ij ^d
A boke of feit ³ of armes.....	xvj ^d
The erudicion of the faythfull	vj ^d
Two bok ³ of logicke	ijj ^s iiij ^d
On old state boke	ijj ^d
Two old bok ³ of syvell lawes.....	xij ^d
An old boke of phisicke.....	ij ^d
An old Latten boke written concēge scripture	ij ^d
A boke of jest ³	j ^d
A booke of service of or Ladie for a p ³ st in pchement and līes lynd w th gould	xx ^d

A booke conci[n]ge the comūion of saynt[e]	j ^d
A booke of phisike	vij ^d
A booke of estronymie.....	xij ^d
A old booke of scripture	ij ^s
A storye of greate Ale[an]	vij ^d
An old little cronicle	iiiij ^d
A booke of phisike	v ^s
The regyment of helthe	vij ^d
Pyers Ploghman.....	vj ^d
Two litle bokes of scripture	xvj ^d
Virgill.....	iiiij ^d
A booke of naturall philosiphie	vj ^d
A booke of thorder of fryers.....	ij ^d
A decla[con] apon the Act[er] of thappostell[er]	vij ^d
A litle booke of the jurisdiccon of the churche made by Peter Bartrad	j ^d
A litle booke collected owt of scripture	ij ^d
A booke entitled to follow Christ	iiiij ^d
A breyf cronicle of the worlde	vj ^d
A fayre byble in Laten conci[n]ge scripture	xij ^s
Salomans pverbes	iiiij ^d
A litle booke [of] pers.....	ij ^d
A litle booke of scripture in Latten.....	iiiij ^d
A litle booke of Englishe lawes	iiiij ^d
An Englishe booke called the Dore off Holye Scripture...	
A newe Testament in Englishe.....	
Natura breviū	vij ^d
A booke of scripture written	ij ^d
Polid Virgill	vj ^d
A booke of scripture.....	xij ^d
An other booke of scripture.....	iiiij ^d
Mampul[er] [or Manipul[er]] Cura[er]	iiiij ^d

Enchiridion.....	iiij ^d
Pyers Ploghman.....	vijj ^d
The homylies	
An old boke of prickesonge	j ^d
An old vestment of wolstie w th a crosse of whyte saten of Brugges an albe an amys and a stole.....	xij ^s
A hanginge to hange before the image apon the aulter of stayned fustian	vijj ^d
An hanginge for the front of the aul ^t	ij ^s

Harnes.

Two hed peeces a payre of splente and gauntelett ^e	xx ^s
A little tee of Flanners makinge	ij ^s iiij ^d
A male for a sump ^t horse	vj ^s viij ^d
Fyve old candlestick ^e of brasse for the churche.....	v ^s iiij ^d
Brasen weight ^e after the standert	ij ^s vj ^d
Fyve chaundelers of brasse	v ^s iiij ^d
On chafynge dish ^e w th a foote	v ^s
A lav ^t for a barbor of brasse	ij ^s
On pye case w th a cov ^t xij trenchers and two cruet ^e all of pewter.....	viij ^s
vijj potingers of pewter	vj ^s viij ^d
xij potage disshes	vj ^s
vijj saucers	ij ^s viij ^d
vijj brode disshes.....	x ^s viij ^d
Two candlestick ^e of pewter	iiij ^s iiij ^d
One pewter bottell	xx ^d
On London pottell	ij ^s
On littell pewter bottell.....	xij ^d
On London pynt of pewter w th a standinge foote.....	x ^d
Two drinkinge cuppes of pewter	xij ^d
On treacle boxe of pewter	ij ^d

Two wesshinge bassons of pewter	ij ^s
On great voydiar	ij ^s vj ^d
On possett boule of pewter.....	xij ^d
On bottell of glasse.....	x ^d
On brasse posnett	ijj ^s
On chafer	ij ^s viij ^d
On arminge sword	xx ^d
On little bell	xvj ^d
Two shef of old arrowes and old cases w th girdells	xvj ^d
On pax of white bon	iiiij ^d
On blake walkinge staff tipped w th whyte bon above and benethe called St Chad ^c staff.....	vijj ^d
Gold weighes w th a case.....	vijj ^d
Acombe case w th a glasse dyall iiiij combes of whyte bon	xvj ^d
On fyne standishe coved w th lether	ij ^s
A sett of chestmen w th a boxe	ij ^d
On duste boxe.....	ij ^d
On fyre ball of brasse.....	iiiij ^d
Two diall ^c thon of evy and thother of brasse	vijj ^d
On snufter for candell ^c	iiiij ^d
A sett of counters	j ^d
On hom ² for a woodknyff	ij ^d
The image of o ^r Ladie paynted in a fayre table and peall gilte w th paynters gyldige	iiij ^s iiiij ^d

In on of the Flaunders chest^c in the Rose chamb.

Foure cupbord carpette and ij table carpette...	vs
Sixteyne pillowbeares	ix ^s
xij diap napkins	vjs x ^d
Twentie handcarchaft ^c w th semed to have byn crysams..	vjs viij ^d
xij napkins treyled w th silke	vjs viij ^d
vij cupbord clothes	vijjs ij ^d

vj twoell ^c	ijij ^s
On shorte towell an old amys and a lynnен bage for a chalice.....	vijij ^d
On sup altař	vijij ^d
Foure payre of the best flaxen sheet ^c	xxiiij ^s
ijij payre of flaxen sheet ^c of the secund sort	x ^s
ijij flaxen sheet ^c very course	ijij ^s
ijij payre of canvas sheet ^c	iiij ^s
On longe table clothe.....	vijij ^s
On quilke cap	vj ^d

In a presse in the said chamb.

On payre of old buskins.....	iiij ^d
Two payre of whyte velvett shoes on payre of blake velvet shoes on payre of spruce shoes.....	ijij ^s iiij ^d
On cheane of maslen	xij ^d
On payre of taringe irons	ij ^d
On wood knyf.....	iiij ^s
On blake coate gardet w th velvet w th lose sleeves	x ^s
Two payre of sore worne velvet breches and an old payre of saten breches	xij ^d
On malinge sheete of canvas	xij ^d
On velvet cap and an old velvet hatt	vj ^s vijij ^d
On broken flagge for an auſcient	xvj ^d
On box w th x silke poynt ^c and ijij skynes of stychinge silke	vj ^d
On blake velvet cap a bruche w th a ston and iiij ples in hitt and xxvj payre of aglett ^c of gold on hitt.....	lxiiij ^s iiij ^d

In the other Flannders chest in said chamb.

On old velvet sword gyrdell	xij ^d
On girkin of spruce leather cut and styched w th red silke	vj ^s vijij ^d

On taffate cloke leyd apon w th bon lace.....	xxxij ^s iiij ^d
On whyte dublett of course sekclothe.....	ij ^s
On payre of whyte hose w th saten breches ov ³ worne.....	iij ^s iiij ^d
On payre of old red hose w th breaches of red velvet.....	vj ^s viij ^d
On payre of blake hose made of the Italian facion and lyned w th taffate.....	vj ^s
A red saten dublet w th out sleves	xx ^s
On white saten dublett	x ^s
On old tany saten dublett	v ^s
A jacke coved w th old blake saten and a payre of sleves to the same coved w th blake fustyon	v ^s
Of [sic] coate of plate	x ^s
On old blake velvet gyrkin...	v ^s
On old gyrkin of blake pressed velvet w th ij crosses of red saten.....	vj ^s viij ^d
A payre of old tauny hose w th breeches of old tauny velvet sore worne	xx ^d
One payre of very old blake hose w th breaches off blake velvet	xx ^d
On payre of old blake saten sleaves cut.....	xij ^s
On old blake saten dublet cut and hoole brested	vij ^s
On old clothe gowne y ^e colour iron graye faced w th blake cony and lyned w th whyte	vij ^s
On old cloke of the said color gardet of hit self.....	ij ^s vj ^d
On shurt duble cufted and edged w th silv ³ lace	ij ^s iiij ^d
On short gowne of old branche damaske gardet w th vel- vet and faced w th conye	xx ^s
On stole	x ^d
On jacke w th a brest of plate.....	ijj ^s iiij ^d
On old payre of sleves of spruse leither.....	iiij ^d
On payre of old shoes of red velvet	vij ^d

Att my Ladie Brertons house att St Johns Churche yard in
Chester.

In the halle.

On foulden bourde and a forme..... xij^s iiiij^d

In the loft in the logher ende of the halle.

On blake saten gowne faced wth conye liij^s iiiij^d

On clothe gowne faced wth cony and garded wyth
velvet xl^s

On old wolstid gowne faced wth bugge... xx^s

On payre of blake velvet shoes and ij payre of tany velvet
shoes xvij^d

On old taffate hatt..... xx^d

On tipped of furre viij^d

A smale rounde table..... ij^s

On brod chest and an old coffer bound wth band^c of iron
iiiij^s

In the greate loft ov^d the plor at the upper end of the halle.

On folden table viij^s

On Flaunders chest vj^s viij^d

On carven close stole ij^s vj^d

In the chappell.

On alter of carven worke wth a presse above and benethe
v^s

Plate.

Thirteyne sil^v spones wth flat kneppes gilt
and thes l^res P B graven apon att iiijs
the ownce thends wayinge xxvth o^wnc^c
and iij quarters..... vli xv^s x^d ob

On square silver salte gilt wthowt a cov^d whay-
inge vij ownc^c a half and a half quarter
xxxvij^s j^d ob

On other square silver salte w th a cov ⁹ gilte wayēge x ownnce and a half quarter.....	l ^s vijd ob
On little silver salt w th a cov ⁹ gillett weyghinge two ownnce and a half quarter	x ^s vijd ob
On silver cup w th a cov ⁹ gilt weyghinge x ownnce and a half and half a quarter ...	liij ^s jd ob

In S^r Uryan Brertons howse att the Nunes in Chester.

On northeren dagg ⁹ w th ij knyves and a boyd- kyn pcell gilt	vij ^s
On rap the blade old gilt apon	v ^s
On sword the blade gilt apon.....	vj ^s vijj ^d

Juell.

On tablet of gold weyghinge ij oŵc ⁹ lackinge an angelweight	vj ^{li}
On bruche of gold weyghynge ij angell ⁹ and a quarter.....	xxvj ^s vijj ^d
On bracelet of gold weyghynge eight angell ⁹ ..	iiij ^{li}
On ringe of gold w th a turnige head and a mayde ⁹ face graven therupon on gemewe of gold wrythen and on ringe of gold bendet of the hart facion wheyinge iij angell ⁹ and a quarter	xxxv ^s
Two ring ⁹ of gold w th dyamond ⁹ weyghinge ijj angell ⁹ and a quarter.....	l ^p
On ringe of gold w th a garnet ston in hitt on other ringe of gold w th a redd garnett on other ringe of gold w th a greine ston in hitt w th ij l̄res vidz A A apon either side of hitt wheyēge iiij angell ⁹ and the iij pt of an angell.....	xliij ^s iiij ^d

Itm in redy moneye	cxxix ^{li}	jd
Itm remaynige att New Castell a tente w th ropes to the same w th was laft in the house of Wilm Harrygton in Newe Castell apon Tyne dwellige att the syne of the Crowne in Pelgā Streite ofered for the same	ijj ^{li}	
Two knowches of gold for a cap thon w th a ple thother w th a garnet a bruche of gold w th the king _c armes in hitt and iij ples and ij stones apon the same vidz thon a safure thother a garnett weyghinge vj angell _c ...	ijj ^{li}	
On eye ston sett in silv ⁹	vijj ^d	
On hert of silver gilt w th xix ples on little knowche of silver w th iij garnett _c and a ple on whistell of silver gilt and on gemewe of silver wyre weyghinge an ownnce and a quarter...	vijj ^s	
Two mase ringe of silver and on toythe pyke of silver weyghinge iij qr ^s of an ownnce...	iiij ^s	
On little hulped ryng of silver and gold.... . .	ij ^s	
On fruntelet of silver gilt weyghinge ij ownce _c quarfer and a half quarter	xij ^s	
On blue ringe	ij ^s	vj ^d
On cheane of gold weyghinge viij ownce _c and a qūt ^r	xxiiij ^{li}	xv ^s
On syned of gold w th a brere and a ston on turinge ringe of gold w th a dead mans head on thone syde and an achorne on the other syde weyghinge vij angell _c	ijj ^{li}	x ^s
Stones to sett in ringes.		
xxvij ples weyghinge half a quarter and half of a quarter of an ownnce	ij ^s	vj ^d

On Cornelus	ij ^d
On crapadyn	ij ^d
Two dublett ^e	ij ^d
v stones made of glasse and on whyte amell...	ij ^d
On serpent ^e tongue	ij ^s vj ^d
On little pece of a unicornes horne	v ^s
On whyte sittarne	vj ^d
On amylist ^e	iiij ^d
ix little blewe stones	ix ^d
ijj little stones on whyte an other redd an other greyne.....	ijj ^d
iiij great blewe stones.....	vijj ^d
On little ple.....	ob
On little red ston and on other blake.....	ij ^d
iiij little currall ^e	ob
On very little rose of gold amyled	iiij ^d
On rebewe	ij ^s vj ^d
On little turke	vijj ^d
On little juell coffer set abowt w th mother of ple and garnysshed w th copper and gilt...	vj ^s vijj ^d

¶ me Witm Dode. ¶ me Robtū Brok^e.

A little nagge	xxiiij ^s
On little chales weyhinge vj ož.....	xxvij ^s
ij brasse chaundlers for wax on pillowe of whyte velvet and gold on litle iron bound cofer a rushet mātell and a candle stycke of wood	xx ^s iiij ^d
A box viij spice plates on old quishion the picture of or Ladye on lute on litle box on old male on herse x pillowe beres lij table napkins	xliij ^s viij ^d

On longe box togather w th all on walkige staff one fyre shewell carven latt ^e a payre of old tables a sett of chest men of oliphant ^e teeth on litle boke of palmesey	vij ^s	x ^d
On litle standert of twigg ^e to sett an hot dishe on	jd	

The copy of the inventorye off Richard Brereton esquier deceased.

TESTAMENTUM THOME SCHARESBREK
ARMIGERI.¹

IN Dei noīe Amē The iiijth day of October the xxij yēr off the
reigne off Kyng Henry the viijth I Thomas Scharesbreke
esquier beyng holl of mynd and knowyng the howre off deth uncten
ordeyne and make my testament and last will in man^f and forme
foloyng ffyrst I beqweth my sowle to allmyghty God or Lady
Saint Mary and all the holy cōpany off heavē and my body to be
buret in the pyche churche off Ormeskyrke befoř the ymage off Sanct
Nicholas on the sowthe syde off the sayd churche Also I beqwethe
my best qwyke catell to the curate off my pych churche in name off
my mortuař And forsomyche as I have covenānted w^t Dorothe Bothe
wydowe for the mariage off my son and heire apparent as appereth
by c̄ten indentur^e beirying dayte the vjth day off July the xxth yēr off
Kyng Henry the viijth I can not adde alter nor minusche any

¹ No date of probate. Thomas, son of Gilbert Scarisbrick of Scarisbrick by Margaret, daughter of Thomas Poole of Poole in the county of Chester Esq., married Elizabeth, base daughter of Thomas Earl of Derby, by whom he had James, Gilbert, Margaret wife of Langtree of Langtree, Maud, and Anne. His son and heir James married Dorothy, daughter of John Booth of Barton Esq., from whom, through an heiress, descends Charles Scarisbrick of Scarisbrick Esq. — *Lanc. Visit. 1567.*

articull or covenſt ſpecified in the ſayd indentures but to my grete dannger and dannger of my ſureties onleſſe I have the cōſent off the ſayd Dorathe I will that the feoffes of my maners landē and tentē &c. ſhall ſtand and be ſeased off londē and tentē &c. off the clere yerely value off tenne markes ov̄ repreſes wyche be ſpecified and noтиſied in a ſchedule to this my will annexed to th' use off my ſone Gilbte Scharesbrek for terme off his lyffe &c. Also I will that my ſayd feoffes ſchall ſtand and be ſeased off other landē and tentē &c. to and off the yerely value off xxii pondē ov̄ repreſes &c. to th' use of Jane my wyffe ffor terme of hur lyffe &c. in the name and full recompence off her ioynture and dower yff ſhe wilbe ȳw̄t content or ells ſhe to be at liberte to ſewe at the comen lawe for her lawfull porcion off my ſayd landē Also I will that iff any pſon or pſons do vex trowble ſewe by accion or cōplant myne executors anendē the execution off this my last will or when they take payne to ryde goo or labur anendē or for the execution off my ſaid will then I will that my ſaid executors and ev̄y off them ſchall receyve and take off th'issues pſette and reuenewes off myne other landē not herbefore willed nor ſpecified all thayr reaſonable costē and expenses and that my feoffes ſchall ſuffur them ſo to do or ellē the ſaid costē and expenses to be had off my gudē and catellē Also I will that my feoffes and thaire heires ſchall ſtand and be ſeased off all and ev̄y pcell off myne other maners landē and tentē and other the pmisses wheroff I am now ptyñ off the pſitte to the use heſtaftur enſuyng that is to wytte wheř I and my ſaid ſureties ſtand bounden by ow̄r ex̄ceptes obligatorie to the ſaid Dorothe in grete ſum̄es off money amonget other articles that iff it happen her doghtors ffrancys and Dorathe to deceſſe before that thay or ether off them whych ſhall fortune to marie Jams my ſon and heire apparent or any other my ſon and heire apparent before that the ſaid dohtar ſo maried or that oon off them lonḡ lyvyng come and be off the full age off xvij yeres havyng non iſſue inheritable to my ſaid landē by any my ſon

and heire apparent then beyng in playne lyffe that then I schall repaye to the said Dorathe the moder the moytie and halffdeale off all such sumes off money as I have receyved off her or schall receyve befor the decesse off the sayd doghters for the said mariage Wheř for iff this case happen wyche God forbydde then I will that my said feoffes schall suffur my said sureties and their heris to take and pceyve off my maners lande and tente afoř said the fyrist yere next aft the decesse off the said Frances and Dorathe the doghters fortie markes and evy yere aftur twentie markes at days accustomed untyll they and evy off them be clerely exonflated and discharged off the said paymente anenes the said Dorathe the mader and her executors Also I will that my said feoffes shall stond and be seassed off meases lande and tennte to and off the clere yerely value off xxli pcell off myne inheritunce and that thay suffur myne executors to pceyve and take th'issues and pfitte off the same for th'exibicion and mariage off my thre dorhtors Margaret Maude and Anne untyll the tyme the sume off two hundredth powndē theroff be pceyved and tayken by my said executors and to be put in the kepyng off the pror and cōvent off Byrkyn[head] ffor the use aforesaid and this to be done by the advise off the supvisors off this my will Also I will that my howse-holl serv̄ntē wych have wage off me and dwell in my howse at the tyme off my decesse schall have evy off them on quarters wage Also it is my will that myne uncull James Scharesbrek schall have the custodie rule and gov̄naunce off my son Gylbte and his lande and se hym kepet to scole and th'issues off his said lande not to be wastyd but to be employed to his use and pfitte untyll he com and be off the age off xxii yeres Also it is my will that iff I fortune to decesse my son and heire beyng not at his full age that my said feoffes and their heris schall stand and be seassed off pcell off suche my lande tennte and hereditamēte as then schuld remane to my son and heire or to any other clamyng by or to his use to and off the clere yerely value off sex markys to the use that an honest p̄st wyche schalbe elect by

myn executors wyche schall yerely have the sayd sex markē for the space off sevyn yeris to say masse at the alter off Sanct Nicholas in the pyche church off Ormyskyrke and to do other divine service dayle in the said churche and to pray for my sole and my parentē and all crysten soules onlesse that he have a resonable and a lafull impediment yff it so may be w^towte hurte or piudice off my sayd suretē in breyche off eny off my coveñtē or articles specified in the said indenturē off mariage off my said son and heire apparent Also &c. that all suche my guddē and catellē and sumes off money as be owghyng to me for the mariage off my son and heire apparent as schall remayne ov^r my funfall expenses my dette and legacies befor rehersed wyche I may lafully giffe or beqwethe schall grove and be bestowed toward th' exhibicion and mariage off my said doghters Also &c. that all suche guddē and catellē and utensils as schall be wryten in a byll or scedule herūto annexed aft^r my decesse schall remane in my man^ē place off Scharesbreke to the use off my son and heire and so to cōtynewe theire as heire lomes to myne heires lordē off Scharesbreke Also that my said feoffes schall suffur myne executors to take and pceyve yerely off the issues and pfittes off my sayd maners meases &c. as myche mone as schalbe necessary for the repation and sustentation off my man^ē place off Scharesbreke w^t the barnes oxen howses howses off office and all other edifices w^tin the scituation off my sayd man^ē place frome tyme to tyme duryng the nonage off my son and heire apparent and to se the sayd money employed to the same use and to no other Also that my sayd feoffes and also my sayd son and heire apparent and in lyke wyse Jane my wyffe and Gylbt my son schall suffur all suche tenⁿtē and fermors as now have in ferme or hold eny lond off me at my will or for terme off yeres schall suffur the same peaceably to occupye theire fermes leyses and teñntē w^t th' appurteñntē payng for the same lyke fermes rentē and services as thay do to me w^towte expulsion or vexation duryng the nonage off my son and heire apparent And also I require and hertely

praye myne entierly beloved cosyn Robt Hesketh and myne uncle James Scharesbrek esquiers to be ovescars off this my last will and humbly and hertely require them to se this my will to be truly executed and pformed Also I ordayne and make Ranulphe Pole clerke Jamys my son and Richard Aghton to be myne executors and admiñstrators off my gudde and catell trustyng in them that this my last will schall be by them truly executyd In wittenes where off to this my sayd last will I have sette my seal thes beyng wyttenes S^r Rog^d Burskowe S^r Rog^d Shawgh chapleyns James Waryng Wifm Watkynson Ewan Hill and other.

The cope off the scedula off heire lomes at Scharesbrek.

In the chapell.

Tow vestimēt^e tow chesibles two albes a chales a corporas a sup altare awlter clothes w^t others belongyng to the same two masse bokys xij ymages closed in box cases two ymages not closed.

In the kychyn and brewhouse.

The grete brasse pott^e two long broches a payre off yron rakkes two grette fowrnes fyve leades sette in t̄re to walle worte in a bryndreth in the kechen.

In the buttre.

Twelve sylver spones.

In the chamber.

The best chamber henged the best feder bed w^t the bolster a payre off the best shet^e w^t blankett^e the best cownterpoynete w^t a sparvo^r Item thre flawnnders chest^e two off the best pyllowis.

In the lardor howse.

A grete saltyng troghe off stone two saltyng troghes off wodde.

In the hall.

All the tables formes and trestles wyche be used there w^t the best table clothe Item a bulle and a boore.

TESTAMENTUM LAURENTII MAYNWARYNG.¹

IN y^e nayme off God amē y^e xxth off July in y^e ye^r of o^r Lord God
 mcccc and xxxij I Laurens Maynwayryng hole and pfyte off
 mynd mayke my testamēt I cōmend and betake my sole to God all-
 mythty and my body to be baret in y^e Nontwyche churche I giffe to
 y^e sayd churche vj^s viij^d pvidyt y^t no mor be askyt by reson off any
 custom for my bureall Also I will y^t ye abbey [abbot] off Coburme^r
 have his due porcion for my mortuarye Also I giffe to S^r Thomas
 Ankers x^s desyring h̄y to say a trentall off masses in y^e Nontwyche
 church for my sole my wyfe child and all crysten soles Also I giffe
 to y^e sayd S^r Thom^s v^d desyring h̄y to say dirige and masse off ye
 v wonds for a frend y^t y^e curet will schew h̄y off and vijd to pore
 fokes for y^e sayme peon latly deptyd Also I will y^t Anker [sic] fad⁹
 my p̄ntes schall have xiiij^s pvidyt y^t my sayd prent^q will pforme his
 prenteschypse as long as [he] was absent and make gud suche cappes
 as he sold wen he went And whe^r John Mynton dyd desyre me to
 giffe h̄y a cappe and I dyd pmyse h̄y y^r for I beqweth h̄y a cappe off
 y^e best y^t I have I giffe to Robt my prent^q a serke and his workyng
 scher^q I giffe to Ranald Stēson a cappe y^e [best] off y^e ij prest^q
 capp^q I giffe to my cosyn Olev^r Maynwayring a daggar and a pollax
 and to Hūfray Maynwayring a thycke cote and a pollax I giffe to
 Schenton wyffe a buschell off whete and to hur son my prent^q a
 Kendall jacket ij serk^q howse schone and a cappe I giffe Jone my
 bastard doghtur vj^s viij^d To John Fleecher a gowne and a salet and
 To John Ankers a jacket and a payre off hoose Also I giffe and
 beqweth to my iij doghtors for yay^r chyld^q part^q y^t is to Magery
 sevē pound^q sterlyng and y^e best sylver pese and all brokyn mone in
 my cofer to Margaret vij^{li} and y^e beste panne to Anne vij^{li} and my

¹ No date of probate.

beste gowne Also when my dett^g beqwethis and fulfull expensis be payd then I giffe, &c. y^e resydue off all my gude and tack^g and gronde to Ellyn my wyffe Also I orden and make my trysty cosyn Hüfray Maynwayring and Ellyn my wyffe my executors and my trusty cosyn Olev^v ovsear off this testament Wyttenes John Maynwayring gentillmā John Prachet and Ranalld Stenson curatt Giffen y^e day and yer^v beforsayd.

TESTAMENTUM MARGARETE HOLFORDE.¹

IN Dei noīe Amen Vicesimo quarto die mensis Augusti anno Dñi milliō quingentesimo quadrigesimo I Margaret Holford wedow late wyffe of Robert Holford of Nether Pever in the counte of Chestř gētylman now deceased beyng hole in bodye and havyng my good remembrañce and mynde dredyng the uncerter tyme of deathe make my last wyll and testament aftř this maner and forme followyng ffirste I beqyth my sole to almyghtie God to our blessed ladie Saynte Marie and to all the celestiall cumpayne of hevyn and my bodie to be buried in [the] chauncell of the churche of Nether Pever afforsayde nygh unto my saide husbande Also I gyve &c. to the forsayd churche of Nether Pever x^s sterlyng ther to be prayed fore Also I gyve &c. to sume honest and well disposed prest other x^s sterlyng for to say a trentall of masses for my sole and for the sole of my tow husband^g Also I giffe &c. to my daughter Katheryn my best demye my best bedys my best flore my best gowlde rynge all my beddyng pewter brasse and all other my instue [sic] and stufte of howshowlde what some ever it be Also to the forsaide Katarine

¹ No date of probate. Margaret, widow of Robert, third son of Thomas Holford of Holford Esq. by Maud, daughter of William Buckley, Deputy Judge of Chester. — Ormerod, vol i. p. 494.

my doghter ij silv spones besid^e hyr pte off the other x^t silver spones Also I will y^t all my gownes and kyrtellis and all other mye joellis not before bequethed shalbe reserved and unbequethed whch I will have to giff att mye laste ende off mye deth to whom itt shall then please and content me Also to Dorathe Holford doghter off my sone John a heffur off iij yeris olde Also to M^ogerie Hoford doghter off my sone Philippe a silv spone Also to Philippe Hoford to Vane Mathew and Brian mye sones and to Katarine mye doghter ten silv spones equallie to be devidet among^e them bye even porcions Also mye bodie buried according to my degree and my det^e payde of my holle good^e then I will y^t all the residue of my good^e and catal^e and cornes shalbe devyded equallie by evyn portiones among^e my forsayd foure sonnes and my forsayd daughter Katheryn ffor as for John Holforde and Bartelmew Holforde my sonnes and Elenor Blanch and Essabell my doughters it is my will that the shall have no pte of my good^e cornes nor catal^e for the have hadde ther chyl^e pte of good^e and have seallett me acquietaunce therfor Also I will that Phillippe Holforde my sonne shall have all the grounde that I holde of Mr. Peres Werberton knynght caled Grosners feld^e aft^d my decesse Also I orden constituted and make Philipp Holford Evyn and Mathewe my sonnes and Katheryn my dought^d my faythfull executors to see that this my last will and teastament be accōplished and trulie pformed as the shall answer befor the face of God at the dredfull day of jugment Also I orden and make my most trustye and welbeloved in Christe Sr Peres Dutton of Dutton knyght to be the overseare of this my last will and teastament and to see that my saide executors trulie pforme this my last will and testament that the nor non other psone nor psons lete nor stope my will and testament as my speciall trust and confidens is in hym Wytnes wher of to this my last will and testament I the forsayde Margarye Holford wedow have sett my seale the day and yere above specified thes beyng wittenes Maist^d George Holforde gentilman Sr Thomas

Eggerton S^r John Bentley preist^e Wifm Byrchenhed teyliar withe others.

TESTAMENTUM DOMINE ANNE STANLEY.¹

IN the name of God Amen The xx^{tie} day of Novēbre in the yere of o^r Lord 1557 and in the fourth and vth yeres of Phelipe and Marie &c. I Dame Anne Stanley of good and pfitte remembraunce praise and lawde be unto almighty God do ordeyne and make this my last will and testamēt in man^l and forme followinge ffirst I geve and bequethe my soull to almighty God o^r Ladie Saint Marie and unto all the hollie cumpanye of heaven and my bodie to be buried wthin the pishe churche of Blakburne Item I geve to the said churche to be prayd for vj^s viij^d Item &c. to Ro^bte Page my servaunt the bed that he lyethe upon w^t all the clothis therto belonginge Itm &c. to John Kenion my servaunt iiiij^{or} shepe Itm &c. unto M^garet Grene my servaunt my frise gowne Itm &c. unto Anne Gibson my servaunt on whye stirke The residue of all my good^e moveable and unmoveable my dett^e and quydd^e paid my funerall expensis discharged I geve &c. unto S^r Thom^s Talbot knight my sonne whom I do ordeyne and make my true and lawfull execūt willinge hym to se that this my last will and testamēt be fulfilled wth like effecte as I put hym in trust and as he will answere before God Thes beyng witnes S^r George Bromley preist Henry Filden Ri^c Hindill and Thom^s Whalley wth others.

¹ No date of probate. The testatrix was daughter of Percival Hart of Lullingston in the county of Kent, Knt. She married, first, Edmund Talbot of Bashall Esq., by whom she had an only son, Sir Thomas Talbot Knt. Afterwards she married James, younger son of George Stanley, Baron Strange K.G. (ob. v. p.), eldest son of Thomas first Earl of Derby. From this marriage the present Earl of Derby is descended. — Whitaker's *Hist. of Craven*, p. 24; Nicolas's *Synopsis of the Peerage*, vol. i. p. 188.

TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS CARINGTON DE
CARINGTON ARMIGERI.¹

Pbaſ xxvij Novemb̄ aÑo mv^e liij^{to}.

IN the name of God Amen The ixth day of the monthe of Decemb̄ in the yere after the incarnaçon of oꝝ Lord Jhu Christ mv^e liij and in the yere of the reigne of oꝝ most gracious soꝝaygne Ladie Marie by the grace of God quene of England Fraunce and Ireland defendoꝝ of the faſte and in earthe ſup̄me head of the churche of England and also of Ireland the first, I John Carrington of Carrington wthin the countie of Chester esquier do by theſe p̄nts declare ordyne conſtitute and make my last will and testamēt in manꝝ and forme as hereafter ensuethe That is to ſay firſt and principallie I coꝝend my ſowle into the hande of my Lord God most humblie beſechinge hym by the merites of his ſonne oꝝ Lord Jhu Christes paſſion to associate the ſame wth his glorious cumpanie of angellꝝ and electe ſauntꝝ in heavien And I will that my bodie ſhalbe buried in Xtian ſepulture in the poche churche of Bowdon in the countie of Chester wthin the chapell there called St Nicolas chapell wherin the bodies of my

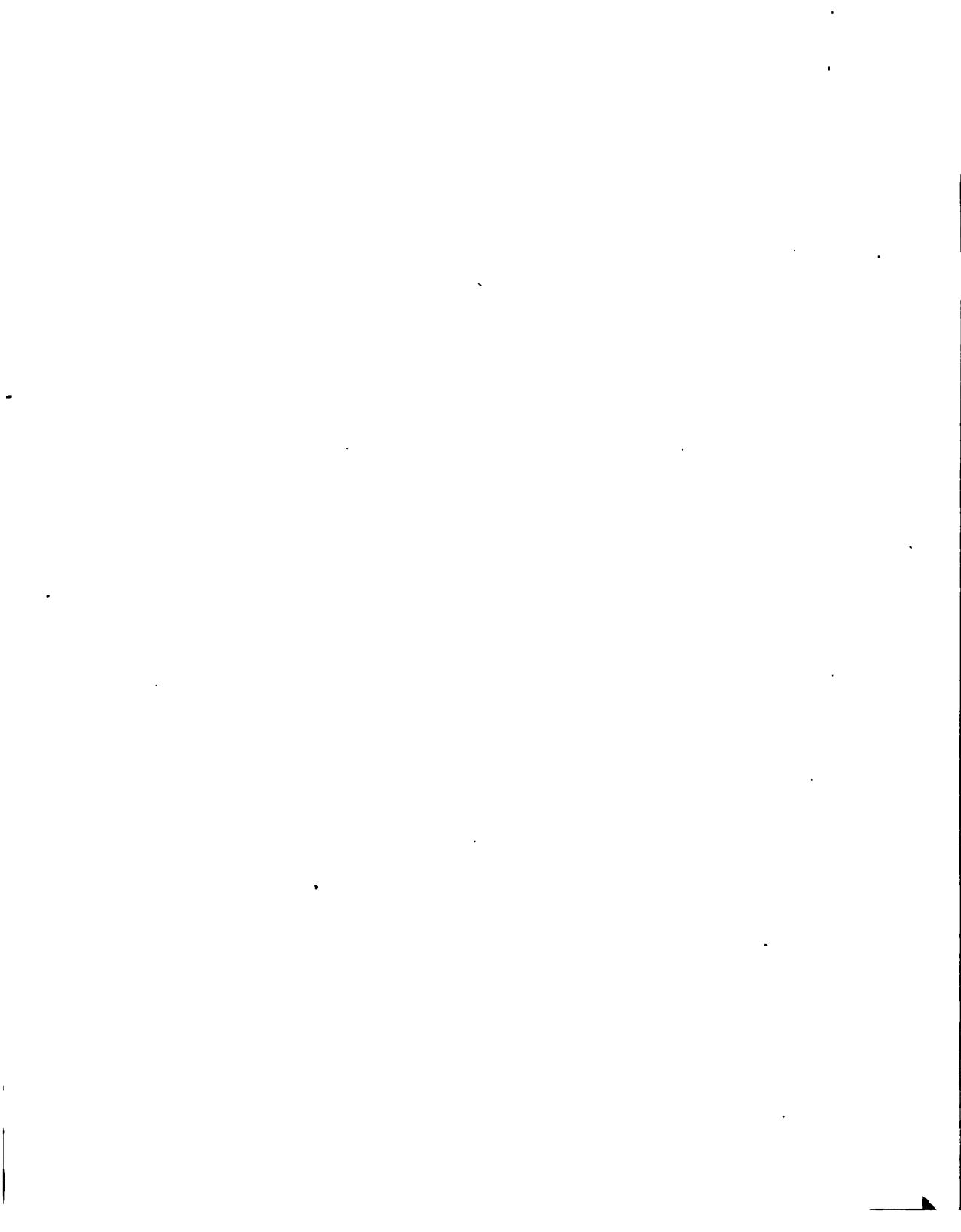
¹ John, ſon and heir of John Carrington of Carrington Esq., by Margaret, daughter of Sir John Warburton of Arley Knt., married firſt Anne, daughter of —— Legh of Boothes, who had no iſſue. He married ſecondly Ellen, daughter of George Booth of Dunham Esq. by whom he had a ſon and heir, John, and three daughters, Elizabeth, Joane, and Elinor. He married thirdly Ellen, daughter of William Brereton of Brereton Esq., the mother of William, Andrew, and Katherine Carrington. The testator died 19th November 1 Mary, and was ſucceeded by his ſon and heir John Carrington, who left an only daughter and heiress, Jane, wife of Sir George Booth of Dunham Knt. Though ſhe had no iſſue by him and was afterwards divorced, the Carrington eſtate remained in the poſſeſſion of Sir George Booth and is now the property of the preſent Earl of Stamford and Warrington, the repreſentative of the noble family of Booth of Dunham Massey.— Ormerod, vol. i. pp. 411, 412. Dr. Ormerod's ſtatement as to the death of the testator is inconsistent with the date of the will.

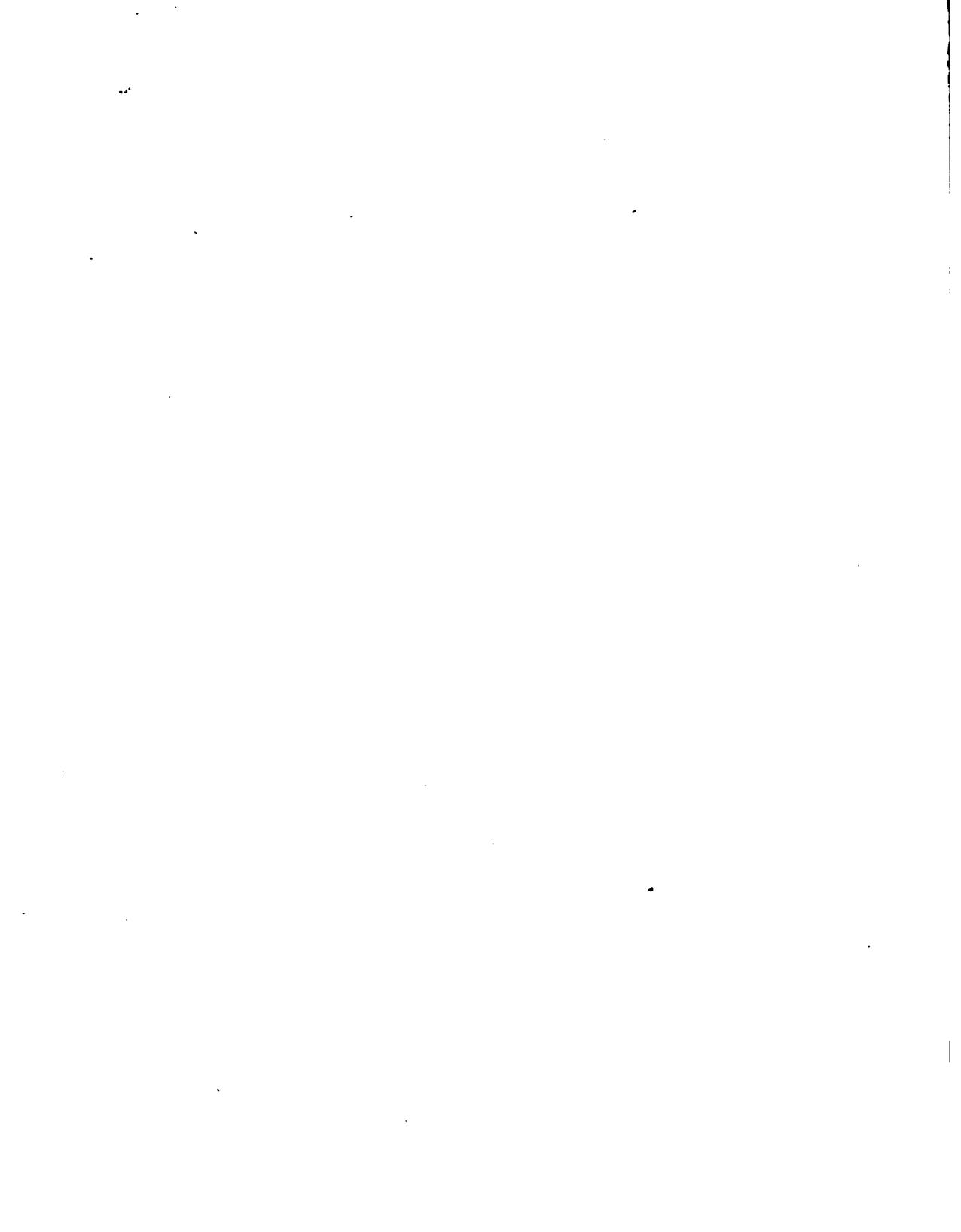
father and other of my auncestors have bene heretofore buried And touchinge the paymēt of my mortuarye hit is my will that hit be paid accordinge to the tenor of the acte of Plyamēt in suchē case pvyded And where my said father by his last will and testamēt gave and bequethed unto me the said John a chaine of golde and willed that the same shuld after my decesse be lefte to remaine to the heires males of my bodie and so from heire male to heire successyvelie to continue and be to the heires males inheritors of the manor of Carington and there to remaine as an heirelome of his gyfte for ev And did also bequeth to my sonne and heire apparent John Carington one crucifxe of gold and one grett pece of gold coyned of the value of vli xij^s or nere thereabout and did also by his said last will geve and bequethe to me and to my said sonne John the residue of all those his goodē and cattailē w^{ch} shuld happen to remaine unspent ov and above the paymēt and discharge of his dette and fun^{allē} and of his legacies and bequests in the said will mencōed and willed that I shuld duringe my liefe have the rule and order of the said residue of the saide goodē and cattailē so as is aforsaide bequethed to me and to my said sonne John C. as by the said last will and testamēt of my said father amonge dyverse other thinge therin conteynid more at large hit may appere Sithens the makinge of w^{ch} saide last will and testamēt of my said father I the said John C. have caused the said chaine of gold bequethid by my said father as is aforsaid to be altered and newlie made and fashioned and for the betteringe therof have put into the same as well the said crucifxe of gold as also certen other gold of myne owne wherbie the chaine nowe made is much better then the said chaine and crucifxe bequethid by my saide father as afore was wherfore I myndinge that the true meaninge of my said father touchinge his said legacie of the chaine aforsaid shuld be accomplished will and by thes p̄sētē I bequethe to my saide sonne John C. my said chaine of gold newlie made and fasshioned as afore willinge and requiringe hym to leave the same at his decease to suchē

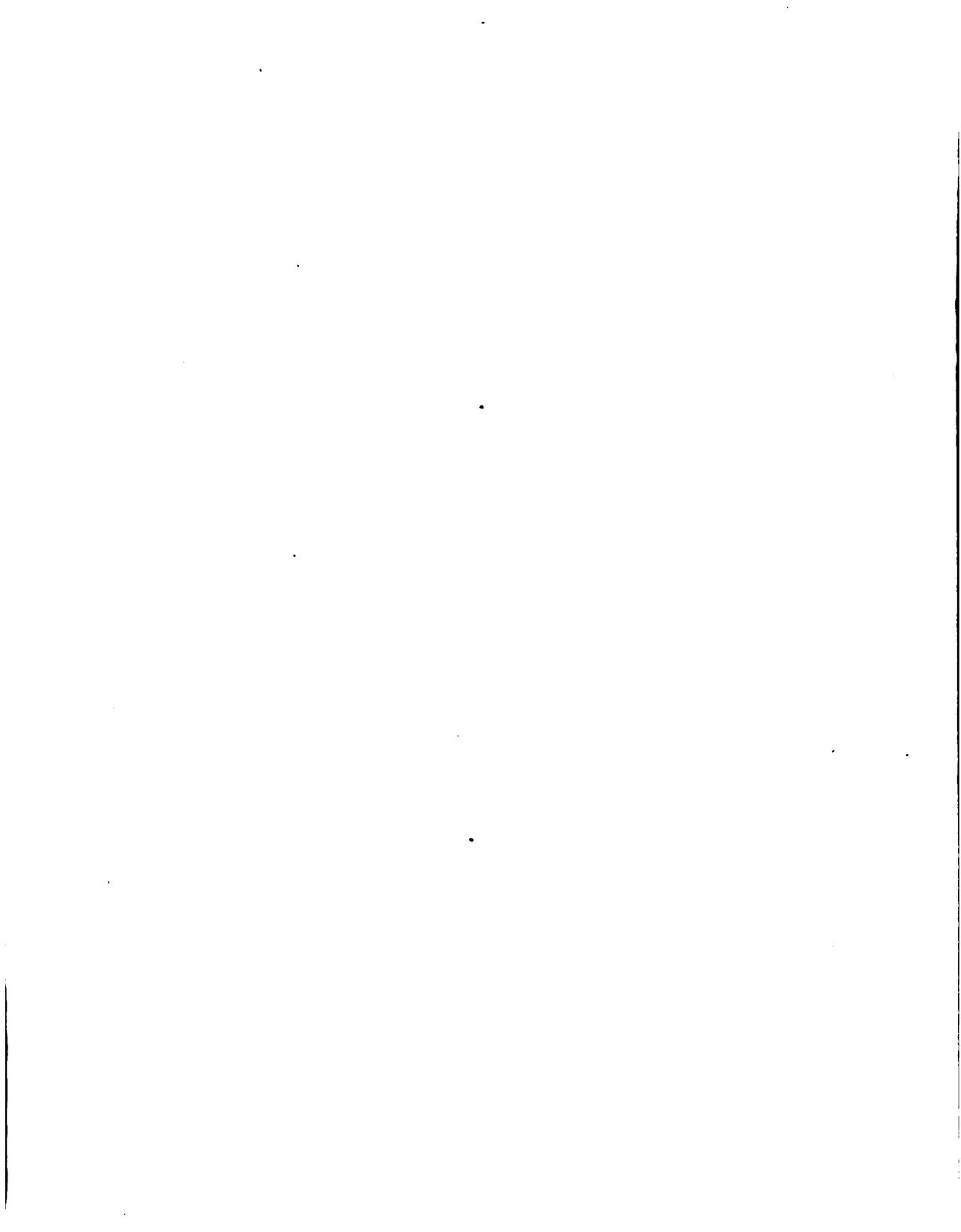
pson as shall happen then to be here male and owner of the said manor of Carington to thentent the same may remaine from here male to here male as an herelome in lyeu and recompence of the said chaine bequethed as afore by my said father And I will that my saide [son] John C. shall have the saide pece of gold of the value of vli xij^s or thereabout bequethed to him by my said father and also shall have all other those and such the gooddes and cattallē late of my saide father as at the tyme of my deathe shall happen to remaine or be in my handē custodie possession or kepinge unadmistred and not allevid sold exchannged or otherwyse spent gevin bestowed or put away since the deathe of my saide father to be had and enjoyed to my said sonne John C. to his awne use in liew and recompence of all those gooddes and cattallē late of my saide father w^{ch} the same my father by his said last will did geve and bequethe to me and my said sonne joyntlie as ys aforsaide All which chaine goodde cattallē and other the premyses appointed or bequethed to my said sonne John I will shalbe in the custodie order and kepinge of myne executors hereafter named untill my said sonne shalbe of the full age of xxj^{ti} yeres yf he so longe do lyve And concerninge the dispositiōn of all those myne owne prop goodde and cattallē w^{ch} were not heretofore the gooddes or cattallē of my saide father I will that all my dettē and likewyse the charges and expenns of my buriall and fuflallē and all thingē touchinge the same and the probate of my testamēt shalbe in all thingē paid pformed and done of my aside goodde and cattallē before any dyvision or particōn therof And after the same my dettē and charges and expence of my buriall and fuflallē wth the probate of my testamēt and all things touchinge the same shalbe paid pformed and done of my hole gooddes and cattallē then I will that all such pte and poreōn of my saide goodde and cattallē as shall then remaine unspent and not bestowed or paid shalbe devided in thre ptē as egallie and indifferentlie as hit may be done by and wth the advyse and consent of my said executō Of w^{ch}

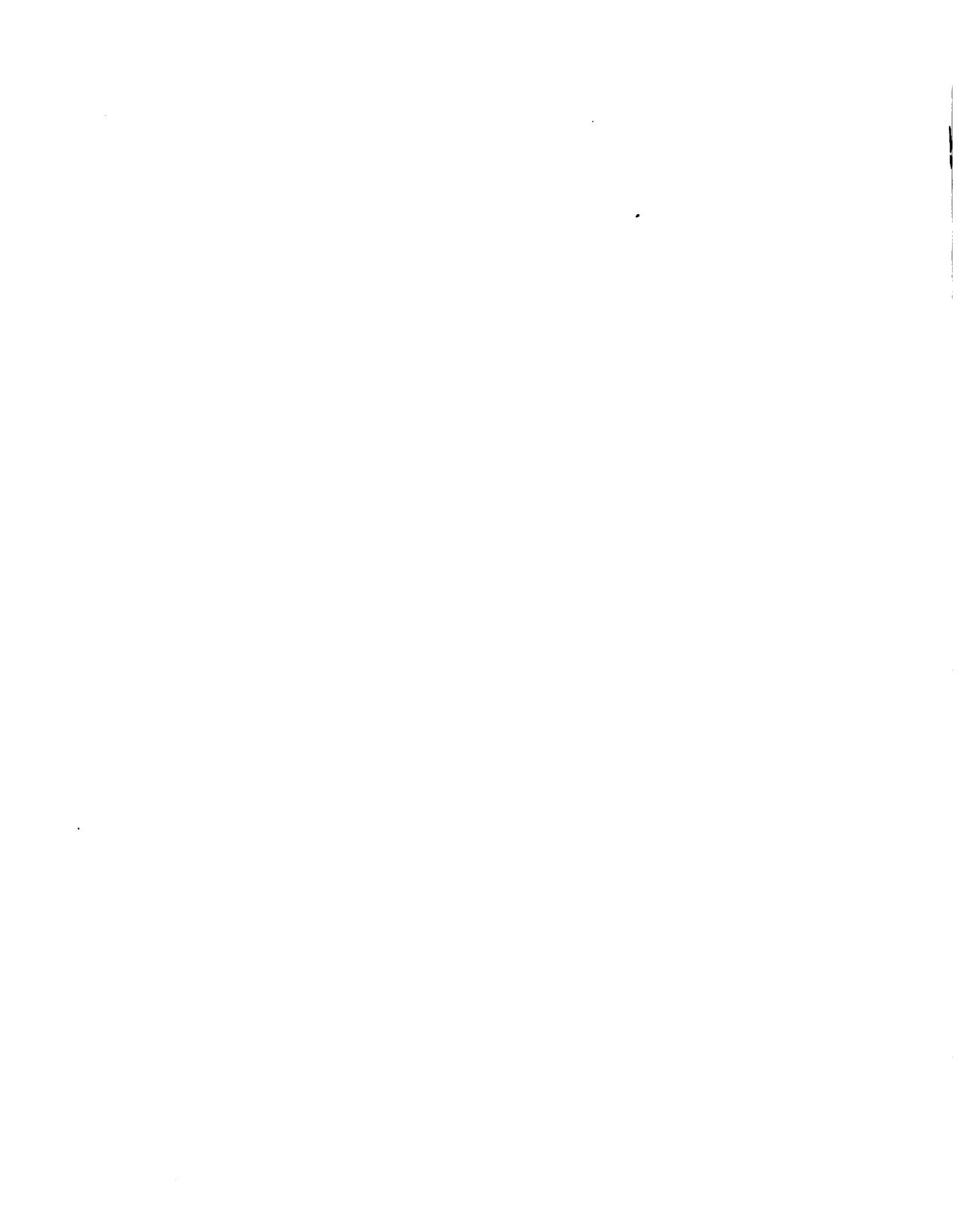
my goodde and cattallē so in thre ptē to be devided I will that my welbelovid wifē Ellin C. shall have to her owne use one of the same thre ptē at her owne choyse and election to be taken after the division therof for and in full recompence and satisfaction of her pte and porcōn to her belonginge for her reasonable pte of all my goodde and cattallē And of the other two partē and residue of my saide goodde and cattallē so in thre partē to be as is aforsaide devided I geve and bequeethe to evy one of my servāntē at this present receyvinge my wages the some of one quarters wages And also whereas my singular good cosin John Grymisdiche oweþe unto me vli xv⁹ iij⁹d I w⁹th hartie thankē remitte the same unto hym And also I geve to my cosin his wifē the colt heretofore to her by me pmyseþ And all the residue of the said two partē I geve to my children that is to witt to my sonne and heire John C. my sonne Wm C. my sonne Andrewe C. and to my iij⁹or doughtors Elizabeth C. Elenor C. Joan C. and Kaf C. equallie and indifferentlie by the discrecōn of my saide executors And I make my lawfull executors the right worshipfull and my trustie frend John Warburton knight my welbeloved wifē my brother in lawe Edward Holland esquier my brother Hamlet C. and my brother George C. And concerninge my chapleyne S^r Nicolas Warburton I will that he have xl⁹ w⁹th meate and drinke and honest lodginge or els iijjli for his full stipend accordinge to the gyfte of my father to be receyvid at myne executors handē of the profette of all my tithes and of the oþplus of the lease of my demaine landē of Carington And also I geve to my neybor^s in Carington xl⁹ and other xl⁹ for my neybor^s in Flixton Also I will that the occupacōn of my tithe corne of Carington and also my white tithe of Carington Ptington and of the halfe towne of Ashton and my cōvent seale in Thelwall shalbe unto my wifē and children until suche tyme as my sonne and heire come and be of the age of xxj⁹ yeres And then they and evy of them to be and remaine to my saide sonne and heire and to my howse of Carington Also I geve to the said S^r John Warburton knight my

blacke amblinge geldinge and an old ryall of gold And also to my brother Edward Holland an other riall of gold and to my brothers Hamlet George and Bonaventure and to evy of them a pece of gold And I geve to my brother Andrewe Brerton my gray hobbie And I geve unto Rafe Holland for old familiaritie betwixe us some reasonable thinge of the monie againe w^{ch} he oweth me And I geve unto my brother Bonaventure the monie that W^m Ward owe the me And I geve unto John Shirt of the some y^t he oweth me xx^s at the lest And I geve to S^r W^m Brerton xlⁱ of such monie as he oweth unto me And I remitt to my said brother Bonaventure xv^s w^{ch} he oweth me Thes beyng witnes Rič Warþton clarke Edward Salesburie John Rydinge Thom^s Martin Gervase Lacie Henrye Baguley wth manie others.









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